

Week 9 Discussion Questions

Text: John 6:1-21

Icebreaker: Which of Jesus' miracles stands out the most to you and why?

1. Read this week's passage. What caught your attention from the text or sermon?
2. Recap: Last week in John 5:30-47, Jesus provided four witnesses to support the claim that he is equal with God. What are the various ways people have responded to Jesus so far in the story?
3. Jesus says he asks the disciples what they will feed the crowd of people in order to test them. What is it Jesus wants to test in the disciples?
4. The miracle of feeding the five thousand occurs at the time of the Passover feast. Read Exodus 12:1-28 for the context of the original Passover. Identify together parallels between the Passover feast and the miracle of feeding the five thousand in John 6.
5. There are two episodes in this passage (Feeding the 5000 and walking on water). What are the needs of those around Jesus in each episode?
6. In what way does Jesus satisfy each of those needs?
7. What expectations do those following Jesus have of him in the stories we've read in John so far, including these two?
8. In what ways does Jesus meet their expectations?
9. In what ways does Jesus defy their expectations?
10. Describe a time in your life when you expected Jesus to work in a certain way. How did it go?

**** Take time this week to read through the end of John chapter 6 in order to prepare to hear the sermon next week.**