

FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND & WALKING ON WATER

John 6:1-21

DISCUSSION 1

Jesus—the miracle worker

1. In verse 2, we read that a great crowd followed Jesus because of the signs he performed. Is it sufficient to follow Jesus because of his signs and wonders? Why or why not?
2. What are some things that initially draw people to follow Jesus, but may not sustain them?
3. We live in a sin-cursed world where physical sickness is ever-present. As Christians, how should we view healing?

DISCUSSION 2

The testing of faith

1. Read verses 5-6. Why do you think Jesus tested his disciples at this moment? What would have been a proper response from the disciples? Can you think of a time when your faith was tested? What was your response?
2. Read Exodus 12:1-14. Why is it significant that Jesus fed the multitude during the traditional Jewish Passover feast?
3. Why was this such a profound miracle? Why is our current culture so skeptical of miracles?

DISCUSSION 3

Jesus reveals himself

1. In verse 15, Jesus withdrew from the crowd that sought to make him king. However, he displayed his glory to his disciples shortly afterward when he exhibited his authority over nature (vv. 19-20). Why do you think Jesus did this?

2. Read John 20:30-31. What was the purpose of the signs that Jesus performed? Does God still perform miracles today?
3. Reread this week's passage. What are some things from this section of Scripture that can encourage you in your current season of life?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. What is a miracle? Spend time discussing with your family the significance of the two signs Jesus performed in this passage.
2. Read verses 5-6. Why do you think Jesus tested his disciples' faith?
3. How was Jesus able to perform these miracles? Together, discuss the nature of who Jesus is.

APPLICATION

- Many of us struggle to believe that God will do wonders in order to bring about his kingdom in the world. However, Scripture clearly shows us that there is no limit to what God can do. In light of that, commit to praying for God to miraculously bring people to faith. Specifically, consider praying for an unreached people group.
- God can provide specific situations and open doors that reveal his will and guide us. Pray to this effect! Pray that God would open doors for you specifically to welcome people into his kingdom.