

Miraculous Provision (John 6:1-15)

Experience God's Power – Part 4
Life Church St. Louis – June 26, 2016
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Romans 15:4 (NIV) For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Matthew 6:11 (NIV) Give us today our daily bread.

Matthew 6:31, 33 (NIV) So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

James 1:2-3 (NIV) Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

1. People follow Jesus for _____ reasons

John 6:1-2 (NIV) Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him ...

1A. Some follow Jesus to see a _____

John 6:2 (NIV) and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick.

1B. Others follow Jesus as a _____

John 6:3-4 (NIV) Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Feast was near.

2. Jesus tests His disciples' _____

John 6:5-6 (NIV) When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

2A. Some calculate the _____ of a miracle

John 6:7 (NIV) Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

2B. Others worry their resources are _____

John 6:8-9 (NIV) Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

3. Jesus demonstrates God's _____

John 6:10 (NIV) Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them.

3A. Jesus _____ our insufficient resources

John 6:11 (NIV) Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

3B. Jesus _____ more than enough

John 6:12-13 (NIV) When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

3C. Miracles are _____ of God's kingdom

John 6:14-15 (NIV) After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Study John 6 to better understand God's miracle-working power.
- Invite your friends, relatives, workmates & neighbors to our Sunday service.

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Study Guide

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Intro. According to Romans 15:4, what are the stories in the Bible intended to do for us?

What do you think is the purpose of the stories of miracles in the Bible?

Why do people tend to worry about their needs and not trust God (Matthew 6:11, 31-33)?

How does God sometimes test us with regard to our needs (James 1:2-3)? Why does He test us?

- 1A. Why do you think so many people followed Jesus (John 6:1-2a)?
- 1B. Do you think following Jesus to see miraculous signs is good (John 6:2)? Why or why not?
- 1C. What was different about why Jesus' disciples followed Him compared to the crowd's reason (John 6:3-4)?
- 1D. What should be your reason for following Jesus?
- 2A. Why did Jesus test Philip with His question about buying bread (John 6:5-6)?

- 2B. Did Philip pass or fail Jesus' test (John 6:7)? Explain your answer.
- 2C. What was different about Andrew's answer to Jesus' question (John 6:8-9)? Did Andrew pass or fail Jesus' test? Explain your answer.
- 2D. How should Jesus' disciples have answered His question?
- 2E. In what areas of need in your life is Jesus testing you? How should you respond?
- 3A. Why do you think that Jesus had the people sit down in John 6:10?
- 3B. What lesson can we learn from Jesus using the boy's 5 loaves and 2 fish as the starting point of His miracle (John 6:11)?
- 3C. What is the significance of twelve baskets being filled with the left overs of the miracle (John 6:12-13)?
- 3D. What did the crowds mistakenly infer from Jesus' miracle (John 6:14-15)?
- 3E. What kind of kingdom did Jesus come to set up with His first coming? How was this miracle evidence of the kingdom of God?
- 3F. When facing an impossible situation, why is it important to give God whatever you have?