

Sermon Questions from Sunday, August 27, 2017

John 6:1-14

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Engage: Volunteerism

Introduction

1. Share how God used you to impact someone else's life.
2. When has God stretched your limited resources beyond what you could imagine? How did God provide for you?

Digging Deeper

3. Read through Mark's version of this story in Mark 6:32-44. What picture do we get from this version of Jesus' heart for the people? What emphasis does John place on Jesus' motivations?
4. What was the test that Jesus was using on Philip? Do you think that he passed the test?
5. Why didn't Jesus simply feed the crowds? Why did He use the little boy's meager resources?
6. What do you think is the significance of mentioning the Passover? What image or symbol do you think Jesus wanted to convey?
7. What connection is there between this miracle and Jesus' description of Himself as the "*Bread of Life*" a few verses later?
8. What role did the disciples play in this miracle? What does this tell us about our role in the ongoing work of God?

Application

9. What has your experience been when you have sacrificed your time or talents for God's Kingdom?
10. Discuss ways, as a small group, you can serve and volunteer together.