

Light & Life - The Book Of John
“So Little, So Much” John 6:1-15
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
Rich Sherwood
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Big Idea:

To know Who Jesus is and to place our confident trust in Him as our Lord & Savior.

John 6:1-15 NIV

¹ Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias),

² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick.

³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples.

⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

⁵ 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?”

⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

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⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up,

⁹ "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there).

¹¹ 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.

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."

¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself."

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family.]

Open in Prayer.

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Discussion Questions:

Read John 6:1-8

Why were the people following Jesus?

What does this show about them?

Why did Jesus want to feed the people? Why not just let them prepare their own food?

How can those of us doing ministry follow this/these principles?

What is the point of Jesus testing Phillip (or anyone)?

Didn't Jesus already know how Phillip would respond?

Read John 6:9-10

Why would Andrew tell Jesus about the five bread and two fish when he knew that was so little?

In giving his bread to them, what qualities did the boy show?

What can we learn from his involvement?

Read John 6:10-13

What is the significance that people ate “as much as they wanted”?

Since Jesus could just create more food at any time why did they need to pick up and save the leftovers?

Is there any significance that there were twelve baskets left? If so, what can we learn from this?

Read John 6:14-15

Why did the people think Jesus was the Prophet? What is the problem with this?

Why should we be careful to believe just because of signs or emotional high events?

In what way is it ironic that they believed Jesus was the Prophet yet planned to do something to Him by force? What does this show about their understanding of what the Prophet/Messiah was?

Why didn't Jesus let them make Him king?

Why did the people want to make Jesus king?

Close in prayer.