

SERMON OUTLINE John 6:1-15

This Is Indeed the Prophet

WORD SPREAD AND CROWDS GREW (1-2)

PUBLIC MINISTRY VS. PRIVATE MINISTRY (3-9)

FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND (10-15)

The Miracle (10-11)

Eating Until They Were Full (11b-12a)

The Leftovers (12-13)

The Response (14-15)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The main point of all of this is that Jesus is the Christ and His time of fully fulfilling His role as the Christ had not yet come, but was drawing nearer and nearer. Our main takeaway is to fight to believe and remember that trusting Jesus is the only path to everlasting life and joy.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. If you wanted to prove to the world that you were the long-promised Messiah, what exactly would you do? More particularly, assuming that performing miracles was at least part of your answer, what kind of miracles would you perform?
3. Why do you think Jesus' miracles were so "normal"?
4. Pastor Dave said that Jesus was consciously orchestrating a balance between revealing His true nature and not allowing His time to come prematurely. Had you ever considered that before? Does it surprise you at all?
5. Have you ever read a harmony of the Gospels (all four Gospels combined and chronologically ordered)? In light of our passage, can you name any ways it is helpful to be familiar with what all the Gospels say about an event?
6. Did you realize that Jesus actually fed something closer to 20,000 people than 5,000?
7. Why do you think it was important for Jesus to have a public and private ministry? Why do you think it's important for us?
8. Why do you think it never occurred to Philip or Andrew that Jesus might perform a miracle?
9. What difference does it make that everyone was able to eat until they were full and there was still plenty left over?
10. The Jews recognized Jesus as the promised Prophet. In response they wrongly tried to make Him king. What do you think you'd have done?
11. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

12. Read all four Gospel accounts of the feeding of the 5,000 and make a note of the differences.
13. Commit to more fully participating in all three phases of ministry at Grace: Corporate worship service, DG, and one-on-one.
14. Tell someone about the good news of the One who performs miracles.
15. Draw or paint a picture of the feeding of the five (twenty) thousand.
16. Identify one or two promises of God, ask for God's help to believe them, and then act on them this week.
17. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

18. Adoration. Praise God for being a miracle worker. Praise God for being limited by nothing outside of Himself. Praise God for being the abundant life-giver. Praise God for being the bread of life.
19. Confess. Confess any functional atheism. Confess any doubt that Jesus still does miracles. Confess any wrong belief that Jesus offers the fullest life (in this life and eternally) possible.
20. Thanksgiving. Thank God for saving you in Jesus. Thank God for your brothers and sisters at Grace Church. Thank God for our missionaries. Thank God that food is still part of how we honor Him.
21. Supplication. Ask God to save someone you know. Ask God to further open our eyes to His glory. Ask God to nourish someone who is hurting. Ask God to use us to help the vulnerable.