

"I'm about people, not politics."

John 6:1-15

A. Why are we following Jesus?

John 6:1-2, After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. ² A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick.

B. Where can we get what we need?

John 6:3-7, Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. ⁴ (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) ⁵ Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" ⁶ He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!"

C. What can Jesus do with our stuff?

John 6:8-11, Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. ⁹ "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?" ¹⁰ "Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered 5,000.) ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted.

D. What should we do with our leftovers?

John 6:12-13, After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." ¹³ So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.

E. Can Jesus fix our political mess?

John 6:14-15, When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!" ¹⁵ When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself.

A closing prayer ... "Dear God, help us to think like You do. Act like You. BE like You in the face of hurting people. Take our 'little' and make it 'much.' In Jesus' name, amen."