



Community Bible Church
Sermon Discussion Questions: Mar 24, 2024
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Title: Hebrew Happy Meal

Text: John 6 (ESV)

Target: Jesus does more with less and then gives it to us to bless.

- I. **Obstacles Create Opportunity:** *“Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, **“Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?”** He said this to **test** him, for he himself knew what he would do.”* (John 6:5-6)
 - A. **Cost Analysis:** Jesus shows up best in places where things don’t add up.
 1. **Location was Remote:** *“desolate place”* (Luke 9:12)
 2. **Late in Day:** *“hour is now late”* (Mark 6:35)
 3. **Lack of Money:** *“Philip answered him, **“Two hundred denarii worth of bread** would not be enough for each of them to get a little.”* (John 6:7)
 - B. **Convenience Factor:** *“**Send the crowd away** to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions.”* (Luke 9:12)

Question #1: *Can you recall a time in your life when you faced challenges that seemed insurmountable or when things didn't make sense, but you felt God guiding you through? As you reflect on that experience, how does it continue to inspire or influence you?*

Question #2: *Philippians 4:19 states, “And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” In what practical ways does God aim to meet our needs and care for us as His children? Do you think it's possible for us to overlook, reject, or resist His provision because of our lifestyle choices? How can we align with his provision while remaining diligent in our work and content with our possessions?*

- II. **Insignificant becomes the Indescribable:** “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, **but what are they for so many?**” (John 6:9)
- A. **Get it into His hands:** “Bring them here to me.” (Matthew 14:18)
 - B. **Bless what you Got:** “And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a **blessing over them.**” (Luke 9:16)
 - C. **Miracle is in the Breaking:** “And he **divided** the two fish among them all.” (Mark 6:41)
 - D. **You get to Pass it out:** “gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.” (Luke 9:16)

Question #3: What kind of growth, blessings, and strengthening occur during times of hardship or adversity that wouldn't be possible during peaceful or prosperous times? Can you think of any Bible verses or stories that illustrate this concept of God being actively present and working during the “breaking”?

- III. **Unexplainable becomes Understandable:** “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ... “When the people **saw the sign** that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” (John 6:12,14)
- A. **Jesus is greater than Moses:** “Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was **not Moses** who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.” (John 6:32)
 - B. **Jesus is the Manna from Heaven:** “Jesus said to them, “**I am the bread of life;** whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” (John 6:35)

Question #4: Why do many people tend to seek superficial sources for satisfaction rather than turning to Christ? Why do you think it's challenging for Christians to prioritize finding their ultimate satisfaction in Christ alone rather than in worldly things?

Takeaway: Is the Da-Bread in the Boat?

Question #5: What similarities can we find between this miraculous story and the way Jesus desires our daily relationship with Him to be? How can we put these insights to greater use in our lives this week?