



#### **Pt. 4: Signs; The Feeding of 5000**

So often, we have no idea what to do in overwhelming situations, but the starting point is always to bring what is there to the attention of Jesus. You can never tell what he's going to do with it, though part of the Christian faith is the expectation that he will do something we hadn't thought of—something new and creative. An example of this is when Jesus performed one of the most famous signs in the Gospel by feeding over 5000+ people with five loaves of bread and two fish. He did this for his reason though - not the crowds'.

**Bottom Line:** Follow Jesus for who he is, not for what he can do for you.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. How would you define an "authentic" relationship?
2. For what reasons do people follow Jesus today? What makes you want to follow Jesus?
3. **Read John 6:1-11.** What does Jesus suggest that he and his disciples need to do for the great crowd that has gathered around them (v. 5)?
4. If Jesus knew what he was going to do (v. 6), why do you think he asks these two disciples for advice? Why might this have sounded a bit crazy to his disciples?
5. Have you been in a relationship where you or the other person had an agenda? How did that go?
6. **Read John 6:12-15.** Why did Jesus resist the people's desire to make him king?
7. What misconceptions have you had about Jesus or his role in your life? In what ways do people attempt to use Jesus or his name inappropriately?
8. What is one thing you have asked God to give you that he didn't or hasn't yet? On the other hand, how and when has God miraculously provided for your needs?
9. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
10. How can the group encourage you this week?