

Miracle Maker
Beyond the Sign
John 6:1-15

INTRODUCTION

Perhaps one of the most famous signs performed by Jesus is feeding over 5000+ people with five loaves of bread and two fish. Those that followed Jesus thought he was finally getting to the point of what he could do for them. They were more enamored with the signs instead of what the signs were pointing to.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever returned from a trip and not brought a gift for someone who expected one? Have you ever expected a gift from someone's travels and not received one?
2. How would you define a relationship that is authentic?
3. Have you been in a relationship where you or the other person had an agenda? How did that go?
4. Read John 6:1-14, where the apostle John recounts the story of Jesus feeding 5000+ people.
 - What are some details about this story that would lead a reader to believe that this actually happened?
 - What must it have felt like for the disciples to have thousands of people approaching because they wanted something from them?
 - In verse 13, John provides a detail about the amount of bread leftover. Why do you think he included this?
5. Read John 6:25-27. Describe how the disciples and crowd may have felt being called out by Jesus.
6. What is one thing you have asked God to give you that he didn't or hasn't yet? Has this disappointment lead you to take steps toward God or away? What thoughts and/or feelings led you in the direction you chose?
7. What can you do this week to follow Jesus more? How can you demonstrate more love for one another? Is there someone in particular who you could offer more grace and forgiveness? How can this group encourage you?

KEEPING IN STEP

Let's not be consumers. Let's be followers. His followers changed the world once. Perhaps we can do that again. *Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.* —John 6:27