

John Chapter 6

1. Why did the crowds follow Jesus to the other side of the Sea of Galilee?
2. What was the purpose of the question that Jesus asked Philip?
3. What lesson do you think Jesus was hoping they would learn?
4. How did each of the following apostles respond to Jesus questions?
 - a. Philip:
 - b. Andrew:
5. From their responses do you think that either of them “passed the test?” Why?
6. Jesus told the disciples to pick up the remaining pieces so nothing would be wasted.
 - a. How many baskets of food were left over?
 - b. Do you see any significance in this number?
 - c. What group might have ended up with the leftovers and why?
7. According to verse 15, what did Jesus know about the crowd’s interest and what did he do in response to their intention?
8. Compare verses 16-24 with the other accounts of Jesus walking on the water in Matthew 14:22-33 and Mark 6:47-51). What details did John not include?
9. The crowds followed Jesus again to the other side of the lake?
 - a. What were they looking for?
 - b. What does Jesus want them to be interested in?
10. Why does Jesus decide to use the term bread of life to refer to himself?

11. Look at verses 41 and 42.
 - a. How does the crowd respond to Jesus words?
 - b. Why do they have such a hard time accepting his words?
12. Jesus said that they had to eat his flesh and drink his blood.
 - a. What did the crowd think when they heard this?
 - b. What do you think Jesus meant?.
13. What was the result of Jesus teaching about being the bread of life?

Digging Deeper:

1. Remember that before the feeding of the 5000, Jesus had already shown his glory by turning water to wine. When have you been like Philip or Andrew – failing to remember something about Jesus when you are in a difficult situation?
2. Jesus calls himself the bread of life. Name as many ways as you can that Jesus is like bread.
3. What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him"? Also look at Jeremiah 31:3 and Romans 2:4 as you answer.
4. Do you think that Jesus teaching to eat His flesh and drink His blood was a reference to the Lord's Supper? In what way could it have a wider meaning?

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1. **Why did the crowds follow Jesus to the other side of the Sea of Galilee?** *They had seen the miraculous signs that he had performed on the sick. They wanted to see more of Jesus' miracles. This would have been a trip of about 20-30 miles on foot.*
2. **What was the purpose of the question that Jesus asked Philip?** *Jesus was testing Philip because he already had in mind what he was going to do*
3. **What lesson do you think Jesus was hoping they would learn?** *Philip had already witnessed Jesus changing water to wine. Jesus wanted to see if Philip and the other apostles would remember He had the power to create food out of nothing to feed the people.*
4. **How did each of the following apostles respond to Jesus questions?**
 - a. **Philip:** *He said that 8 months wages would not buy enough food for them all. He doubted they could feed everyone on their limited resources.*
 - b. **Andrew:** *As usual Andrew is bringing someone to Jesus. He brings a boy with five barley loaves and two fish.*
5. **From these responses do you think that either of them "passed the test?" Why?** *No. Neither seems to believe that they have the resources to feed everyone. Andrew may have been hinting that Jesus could do something with the food the boy had, but he seems doubtful.*
6. **Jesus told the disciples to pick up the remaining pieces so nothing would be wasted.**
 - c. **How many baskets of food were left over?** *12 baskets*
 - d. **Do you see any significance in this number?** *This was the same number as there were apostles.*
 - e. **What group might have ended up with the leftovers and why?** *The apostles. Perhaps Jesus wanted them to have a reminder of the lesson they just learned. That nothing is impossible for God.*
7. **According to verse 15, what did Jesus know about the crowd's interest and what did he do in response to their intention?** *Jesus knew they wanted to make him king. This was not the purpose for his coming. He withdrew to a mountain by himself. Perhaps he was tempted to let them make him king and decided to be alone with God to get prayer for strength.*
8. **Compare verses 16-24 with the other accounts of Jesus walking on the water in Matthew 14:22-33 and Mark 6:47-51). What details did John not include?** *John does not include Peter's walking on the water to meet Jesus and sinking. He also does not include that the storm was stilled when Jesus got into the boat or that the disciples worshipped him.*
9. **The crowds followed Jesus again to the other side of the lake?**
 - f. **What were they looking for?** *They wanted to see more miracles and wanted him to feed them again. They were looking for physical blessings.*

- g. What does Jesus want them to be interested in?** *Jesus wanted them to be more interested in his message than in his miracles. He said that the work God requires is to believe in Him.*
- 10. Why does Jesus decide to use the term bread of life to refer to himself?** *The people kept asking for food (manna and bread – vs. 31&34)*
- 11. Look at verses 41 and 42.**
- h. How does the crowd respond to Jesus words?** *They began to grumble against him. Once they realized He wouldn't give them what they wanted they found excuses not to believe Him. They started saying he was just a normal, hometown person.*
- i. Why do they have such a hard time accepting his words?** *They had seen Jesus growing up. It was hard for them to believe he was the Messiah. They could not understand because they were too focused on physical things.*
- 12. Jesus said that they had to eat his flesh and drink his blood.**
- j. What did the crowd think when they heard this?** *They thought he was talking about actually eating his body. This was a crazy idea to them.*
- k. What do you think Jesus meant?** *Jesus meant to be totally obsessed with His message. To take it all in completely. This could also be seen as a reference to the Lord's Supper.*
- 13. What was the result of Jesus teaching about being the bread of life?** *Many thought it was a hard teaching and many stopped following him.*

Digging Deeper:

- Remember that before the feeding of the 5000, Jesus had already shown his glory by turning water to wine. When have you been like Philip or Andrew – failing to remember something about Jesus when you are in a difficult situation?** *Answers will vary. Students will share from personal experience.*
- Jesus calls himself the bread of life. Name as many ways as you can that Jesus is like bread.** *Jesus gives us what we need to live. Jesus fills us up. Jesus was broken for us. We share Jesus with our friends. The more we have the more we will grow. Students will give a variety of answers.*
- What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him"? Also look at Jeremiah 31:3 and Romans 2:4 as you answer.** *We are attracted to God's love. We see that we have a need and that God's love can fill it and it draws us to him. Just as the crowd followed Jesus around the Sea of Galilee because he had something they wanted. Our need to be loved unconditionally draws us to God. We have to want Jesus for who He is in order to be attracted or drawn to Him.*
- Do you think that Jesus teaching to eat His flesh and drink His blood was a reference to the Lord's Supper? In what way could it have a wider meaning?** *This definitely is something that points us to the idea of the Lord's Supper. It has a wider meaning, however, because Jesus is talking about satisfying our hunger. We have a hunger to be loved and accepted. We have a hunger to have a purpose in this life. Giving our lives totally over to Jesus. To eat, sleep and drink, Jesus (so to speak) will fill that need.*