

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of January 31, 2016

This Week's Focus: Jesus is the compassionate king who provides for our physical needs, but more than that, he is the all-sufficient provision for our deepest spiritual need.

This Week's Text: John 6:1-15

"Here was a small boy, poor and insignificant. Yet that boy did something that set him apart from all the other boys who may have been in the crowd that day. That boy gave his lunch, poor as it was, to the Lord Jesus. That lunch was as insignificant as it could be. It was as insignificant as the boy was. But the point of the story is that the insufficient from the hands of the insignificant became sufficient and significant when placed in the hands of Jesus." **James Montgomery Boice**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What are your general impressions about this week's sermon?
- What events preceded Jesus' journey to the "other side" of the Sea of Galilee? Reference Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:10-17. What was different about the east and west sides of the Sea of Galilee? Why did Jesus and his disciples choose the remote side of the lake? Discuss the importance of rest, prayer, and intentional, intimate time with Jesus.
- According to verse 2 why were the large crowds thronging to Jesus? Is there a difference between following Jesus because he is useful and following Jesus because he is beautiful?
- John mentions that it is Passover. What is Passover? Reference Exodus 12:7-13. Why is it an important element to understand this passage?
- What test did Jesus give Philip (and all the disciples) in verse 5? Did Philip pass the test? Why or why not? Do you make a habit of calculating solutions to trials in your life without Jesus?
- Bread and fish were the staple foods in Palestine in Jesus' day. 80% of each day's wages was spent on food. How do these facts help us better understand Jesus' miracle? More than simply fill their stomachs, what did Jesus teach the people about himself? What is Jesus teaching us about himself in this miracle?

- How does this passage reveal the glory of God in Jesus Christ? How does the passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?