

John 6

EVERLASTING LIFE



MCA

Sermon Outline

Key verse

For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

John 6:40

Only Jesus can satisfy!

1. Jesus sees our need before we do

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"

John 6:5

2. Jesus uses what little we have

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish."

John 6:8-9

3. Jesus satisfies abundantly

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over..."

John 6:11-12

JESUS FEEDS THE 5,000

SEPTEMBER 14
DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening Thought

In John 6, Jesus feeds more than five thousand people with only five loaves and two fish, showing that he is able to meet all of our needs. He sees our needs before we do, he uses what little we bring, and he satisfies us abundantly. This miracle points beyond physical bread to the truth that Jesus himself is the Bread of Life, the only one who gives everlasting satisfaction.

Ice breakers

- Share about a time when you were really hungry - what did you eat when you finally got food?
- If you could have one food miraculously multiply at your next family gathering, what would it be and why?

Dig Deeper

- What details stand out to you from this miracle (feeding 5,000 with five loaves of bread and two fish)?
- Why do you think Jesus asked Philip, "Where shall we buy bread?" when he already knew what he would do (v. 6)?
- How do you see yourself in Philip's response (calculating the cost) or Andrew's response (offering the boy's lunch but with doubt)?
- Why is it significant that Jesus used the small lunch of a child instead of providing food out of nothing?
- What do the "twelve baskets of leftovers" teach us about the way Jesus provides?
- Compare this miracle with John 4:13-14. How does this sign point to the deeper truth that Jesus gives *eternal* life, not just temporary provision?
- What "loaves and fish" (time, gifts, resources, abilities) might God be calling you to offer to Jesus?
- How does this passage encourage you to trust Jesus with your needs right now?

Closing

Jesus is able to meet all our needs—not just for daily bread but for eternal life. When we place what little we have in his hands, he multiplies it and satisfies us abundantly.