

Trinity Core Value: Your calling is to influence your world with Jesus

LOOKING BACK

Share a time when your plans were radically altered and it turned out to be a good thing. What are the joys and difficulties of preparing a large meal (think Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Easter) for family and friends?

LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD

Spend a minute rereading John 20:30-31 and highlighting the purpose John wrote his gospel. What response is John hoping results from reading or hearing of Jesus' miracles?

Recall the four miracles we've seen Jesus perform so far in John's gospel. Which seems to be the most popular so far?

-John 2:1-11

-John 4:46-54

-John 5:1-18

What does the feeding of the 5,000 reveal about both the heart and nature of Jesus (See Matthew 14:14, Mark 6:34)?

Read and meditate on Jeremiah 32:17 and 32:27 for a few minutes. What does this Old Testament prophet say about God's nature and ability to work in the impossible situations of life?

How does the promise of Deuteronomy 18:15 connect to our passage in John 6:1-14? What did the crowd want to do as a result of this miracle? Did this action mean the religious leaders believed in Jesus as the Messiah?

We're told Jesus directed His question towards Philip to "test him." According to James 1:2-4, what is the purpose and intended outcome of our faith being tested?

How is Jesus' miracle similar but greater than Elisha's miracle in 2 Kings 4:42-44?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

It's been observed that this miracle is unique in that Jesus provided for people, through people. Can you recall a time when the Lord used people to unexpectedly provide or bless you?

How are you handling the interruptions of life in the last year? Are there any particular interruptions you've found yourself struggling with lately? How are you seeing Jesus at work in these interruptions? What life-events or tests have contributed to you increasingly trusting in Jesus more?

God has given you resources (time, talents, treasure) for Him to use as a means to influence others for Jesus. Is there any particular person or area of ministry you have a passion for and are seeking to be a Jesus-influencer towards?

Do you tend to think you don't have much to offer the Lord and struggle with giving your "little" (resource) to Him to use you? If you knew the Lord would greatly multiply the "little" resource you have by stepping out in faith and offering it to Him, what would you seek to do?

How is it encouraging to you to know Jesus already knows what He's going to do as you face the various tests of life?

Is anyone walking through a seemingly impossible situation right now? Share with one another and take a moment to pray for that specific need after it's been shared.

PRAY TOGETHER

- For marriages in our fellowship
- For the Lord to stir people up and for them to step out in faith to serve in various ministries that have needs (check out our mini ministry fair the next two Sundays or the web if interested)
- Students to own their faith in Jesus

RESOURCES

Early in His ministry, Jesus reminded us that "*man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*" (Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3) **Our Daily Bread** is a great resource to start the day and nourish your soul with the word of God and a short, practical application of God's word. Check it here or download the app: <https://odb.org/>