

Digging Deeper into John 6:1-15

Chat

- What's the best picnic you've ever been on?
- What made it special?

As you read our Bible passage for this week, imagine being there. What would you have told your friends when you got home?



Study

Read John 6:1-15

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+6&version=NIV>

- Why do you think the crowd of people looked for Jesus (v.1-2)?
- What Jewish festival was approaching and what did this celebration remember (v.4 and Exodus 12:7-17)?
- Can you think of a miracle following the original Passover where God provided food for the people? (see Ex.16:4ff if you need some help)
- What is Philip's response when Jesus asks where they can get bread for all the people (v.5-7)?
- John says that Jesus was testing Philip. What do you think he was testing?
 - Do you think Jesus still does this today?
- What is Andrew's contribution to the situation (v.8-9)?
- What does Jesus do with the boy's food (v.10-11)?
- What happens when everyone has had enough to eat (v.12-13)?
- How do you think the little boy felt?
- A similar miracle happened with Elisha. You can read about it in 1 Kings 4:42-44. With the OT links to Moses and Elisha, what do you think Jesus might be telling the people through this miracle (see also v.14)?
- Why do you think Jesus went away by himself when the people tried to make him king by force (v.15)?
- Later in this chapter Jesus uses another of his "I am" sayings. What is it and how do you think it might link back to this miracle (see v.31-35)?

Think

- The crowds were amazed by what Jesus could do and who he was. How often are you amazed by Jesus?
- As with turning water into wine, Jesus' miracle shows compassion and meets a practical need whilst also teaching a deeper spiritual truth about who he is and what he can give us.
How can you reveal the love and sufficiency of Jesus through acts of compassion?

