

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE Anything is Possible - Week 4 Feeding of 5,000/Doubts May 4-7, 2023

LEADER NOTES: Summer trimester: 6/5-7/30, Signup Weekends 6/1-6/11, Fall trimester: 8/28-12/10

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Baptism classes are happening after every service at all campuses. **Beach Baptism** is on 5/21. <u>Click</u> <u>here to serve at beach baptism</u>. Maybe your group can serve together.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

The Point: What do you do with your doubts and unanswered questions? You pick them up and follow Jesus. He is the only one offering eternal life. "Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,"" – John 6:68

SERMON TEXT: John 6:1-71; Romans 8:28; Matthew 14:19

Discussion Questions

LEADERS: There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week?
- Read John 6:1-71. What did God reveal to you in the scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?
- The Bible says that Jesus took the bread, took the fish, gave thanks, and then handed the fish and the loaves to the disciples (*Matthew 14:19*) and said to them, "You feed them." That's when the miracle happened.
 Discover: Share a time when God called you to do something that you thought might make you look like an idiot. What did you do? What happened next?
 Deepen: What are you holding in your hand that God gave you and wants you to give away so He can multiply it?
- The crowds had not lifted their eyes above their physical needs and saw only bread. Then Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). Why does His statement turn the discussion on its head and blow their minds? (Jesus was teaching that the temporary things of this world will never satisfy including the miraculous. Only Jesus can sustain. You were made for Him, and eternal life comes from Him.)
- Jesus told those in the synagogue, "...Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day," (*John 6:53-54*) without explaining His meaning. This was a hard teaching and led many to walk away from Jesus.

Discover: We've all had doubts and many things in our past that seemed to make no sense. If you've ever thought about walking away from Jesus, name what led you to that thought. *Deepen:* What do you do when you feel like that? (When God doesn't act like we think He should, it can be hard, especially if we, or our loved ones, are in pain. We're called to pick up our doubts, pain and unanswered questions and follow Jesus. As Peter said when Jesus asked if he was going to go away as well, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68-69) It's also good to remember what Jesus was asked in John 6:28-30, "...What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.")

ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

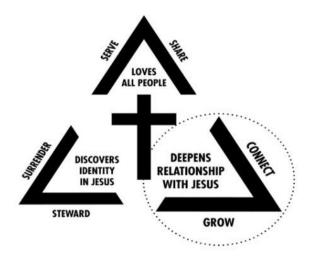
- Prayerfully consider what you're holding in your hand, that God gave you, and wants you to give away so He can multiply it.
- Write it down.
- Pray for God to help you open your hand.

Additional Resources:

• **RightNow Media:** Find *an unending supply of resources* by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to <u>coe22.com/rightnowmedia</u> or text "RightNow" to 441122.

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