

Matthew 14:13-36; Mk 6:33-56; John 6:2-40 - Daily Study Questions

4. In Matt 14:22-27 (see also John 6:16-21) what did Jesus do next (v22-23)? What happened to the disciples (v24), what did Jesus do (v25, 27), and how did they react (v26)?	
5. According to Matt 14:28-33 what did Peter say (v28) and how did Jesus answer (v29)? What happened (v29-30) and why (v30-31)? What was the overall result of this (v32-33)?	
6. Look at Matt 14:34-36. What occurred when they disembarked (v34-35)? How does this show the extent of Jesus' fame and why was He so famous (v36)?	
7. Using John 6:22-27 what did the multitude discover (v22), what did they do about it (v23-24), and what did they ask (v25)? How did Jesus respond (v26-27) and why (v27)?	
8. Read John 6:28-29. What was the multitudes' question (v28) and what was Jesus' answer (v29)? Explain this and why it is so important.	
9. From John 6:30-35 what were they looking for (v30-31)? How did Jesus correct them (v32-33)? How did they respond (v34) and what did Jesus declare (v35)? Apply this.	
10. Based on John 6:36-40 how had the Jews reacted to Jesus (v36) and what was His explanation (v37)? What is the will of God (v39, 40) and what was Jesus' role in this (v38, 40)?	
11. Summarize the two miracles and responses to them in this week's study. What was Jesus' purpose and what do you think the crowds and disciples gained from them? What does this teach us?	

Scripture to Remember

“All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.”

John 6:37 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—5 Principles to Reduce Financial Stress (Lk 16:11)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. What area creates the most financial stress for you—what you own, what you owe, what you earn, or where it all goes? Describe your approach to deal with these.
2. Discuss why it is important to “tell our money where to go” (budget) and why we often refuse this. What are some “budget busters” we tend to overlook?
3. Talk about the reasons we “impulse spend” and identify some of things that make it so easy. How can we practically deal with this?
4. What is the difference between saving and hoarding? Why does God encourage us to save? How are you doing this?
5. Discuss why the principle of giving to others and God is so important. Which of these three reasons—gratitude, submission or faith—motivates you the most? What are some specific ways that we can start doing this, or do more of this?
6. How does it strike you that God wants you to enjoy your money? How can we do this in a way that honors Him?
7. Talk about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In 1928 Herbert Hoover ran for President of the United States with the slogan, "A chicken in every pot, and a car in every garage, to boot." He won the election, but didn't deliver the goods as the Great Depression ensued. In this week's study the crowds continued to follow Jesus, and they grew, as He performed the miraculous feat of feeding five thousand men, plus women and children. His goal, though, was not to build a crowd, but to build His kingdom through eternal values. The section opens with the people milling around as sheep without a shepherd, filling Jesus with compassion for them. As He taught them and the hour grew late, the disciples wanted to send them all home to eat and sleep. Jesus, though, had a different viewpoint; He used this situa-

tion as an opportunity to teach His disciples about the right way to lead in His kingdom. He commanded them to compassionately feed the crowds because of their need and true leaders serve those they lead. This presented a problem, though, because all they had was a lad with two fish and five loaves. This was enough for Jesus, so He took them and fed the crowd with twelve basketsful left over. This taught the disciples that whatever we have is enough to do ministry if blessed by the hands of Jesus. In the aftermath of this Jesus sent the disciples ahead of Him, while He went to the mountain to pray. He then went walking on the water past their boat, but they saw Him. In this story He was calling for genuine faith, because when Peter recognized Him He told Peter to walk on the water

to Him. The waves kicked up, though, and Peter began to drown. They were afraid, but Jesus asked them why they doubted, encouraging their faith in Him to grow. Finally, the crowds returned the next day, but Jesus confronted their false belief in Him, knowing they only followed because their stomachs were full. He told them to work for eternal food, which was found in Him, the Bread of Life. However, only those whom the Father had given to Him would receive this. The rest were following just to get their "chicken in every pot".

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(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Read Mark 6:33-37. What did the disciples want Jesus to do (v35-36) and why (v37)? What did Jesus say (v37) and why do you think He did (v33-34)? What can we learn from this?</p>	
<p>2. Using John 6:5-10. What "test" was Jesus giving the disciples (v5-7)? What resources did they have (v8-9, 10) and what two things was Jesus trying to teach them (v9-10)?</p>	
<p>3. From John 6:11-15 how did Jesus accomplish this miracle (v11) and what were the results (v12-13, 14-15)? Who did the people think Jesus was (compare Deut 18:15)?</p>	

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