

Digging Deeper: John 6:1–15

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Day 1

Pray, thanking God for today and for His word that we can learn from. Read John 6:1–15. Notice in verse 4, it is almost another Passover celebration. So nearly a year has passed from events around previous Passover celebrations, as John picks up the story in chapter 6. After seeing Jesus perform many miracles, does Jesus need anyone's help to feed 5,000 men? Why does Jesus ask Philip about going to buy some bread? The disciples are men with job skills to earn money and provide, but who ends up bringing the food for the 5,000? What "food" are you bringing to Jesus in your life every day, so that he can work big things for you and those around you?

Day 2

Find a quiet place to pray. Read John 6:1–15, and then meditate for a while quietly on what you have read, asking the Holy Spirit to show you what He wants you to learn today. In verses 5 and 6, Jesus tests Philip, asking him to buy food. Why do you think Jesus tests His disciples in this way? What do you think He is hoping they will learn. Check out Galatians 5:6–26. In what ways are you being tested right now? Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you through whatever is going on in your life where your faith is being tested and for Fruit of the Spirit to grow you and help you live better for Jesus.

Day 3

As you pray to God, always be thanking Him for His many blessings in your life. Read John 6:1–15. In verse 10, Jesus asks 5,000 to sit down. Was it really 5,000 people? How many additional people were there if you also think about the women and children along with the 5,000 men? Check out Matthew 14:13–21, Mark 6:30–44 and Luke 9:10–17. Jesus used the small resources of a simple boy to accomplish something tremendous, which is recorded consistently across all four Gospels of the Bible.

Day 4

Pray for what and how Jesus can use you to be an encourager to someone else in your life today. Read John 6:1–15. When was the last time you created a meal for a large group? Think about how large the group was, and the energy and resources required to feed that large group? Now think about what it would take to feed 10,000 to 20,000 people. What were the resources of the small boy in verse 9? At Thanksgiving, how much might you overeat, and how much food is usually leftover? How many leftovers after this miracle in verse 12–13? Let's all be reminding each other and encouraging each other that our small simple resources can be used for big things when we seek to help each other out. Be praying frequently, asking Jesus how we can help others, and asking Him for help when we need it.

Day 5

Before you read, pray. Praise God. Thank Him for what you have. Ask him for what you need. Read John 6:1–15. As Jesus is feeding the multitudes, He is also including His disciples in the miracle. Why do you think Jesus is having His disciples participate in this miracle? Think about what you want in life, vs. what you actually need. Jesus provides for everything we need. Read Psalm 107, specifically verses 4–9 but the entire psalm also. How might these verses change how you pray when you ask Jesus for help with what you actually need?

Day 6

As you pray, reflect on the past week, your thoughts and ideas from your prayer times, and how can you put these things into action for your life. Read John 6:1–15. After this extraordinary miracle, feeding 10,000+ people, they all assume Jesus is a prophet. Read Deuteronomy 18:15. Who did they think Jesus was? What did they try to do to Jesus? Check out Matthew 4:8–9 and Luke 4:5–6. What did Jesus do next, and what do you think his motives were?