



Week 3 Study Guide

Main Passage: John 6:1-15 ESV

Opening

- Begin with a brief welcome and prayer to set the tone for the group time.
- **Introduce the theme:** Jesus didn't just preach the good news—He demonstrated it. In John 6, we see that meeting real needs builds trust, and that trust creates space for people to hear and receive the gospel.

Discussion Questions

CONNECT

- Think about a time someone met a practical need in your life. How did it impact your relationship with them?
- Do you tend to see acts of service as “extra credit” or essential to following Jesus? Why?

CONTEXT FOR LEADERS (Quick Overview)

John 6 takes place during a moment when Jesus' popularity is growing. Crowds are following Him—not necessarily because they believe in Him, but because they've seen what He can do.

When Jesus feeds the 5,000, He's not just performing a miracle—He's revealing something deeper:

- He sees physical needs
- He meets them with compassion
- And then He points people to a greater spiritual reality

This miracle sets up His teaching that He is the **Bread of Life**—the only one who can truly satisfy.

DISCOVER

Read Together: John 6:1-15

Initial Observations:

- What stands out to you about Jesus' response to the crowd?
- What do you notice about the disciples' reaction vs. Jesus'?

Understanding the Moment:

- Why do you think Jesus asks Philip where to buy bread, even though He already knows what He's going to do?
- What role does the boy's small offering play in the story?

Big Idea:

- What does this miracle reveal about Jesus' heart toward people?
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APPLY

Good Deeds → Goodwill → Good News

- Who is someone in your life right now with a tangible need (physical, emotional, relational)?
- What is one practical way you could meet that need this week?

Evaluate Your Posture:

- Do you naturally lean more toward words or actions when it comes to sharing your faith? (And how can you grow in the other area?)

Faith Step:

- What would it look like to trust God with what you do have (like the boy's lunch), instead of focusing on what you don't?
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RESPOND

- Is there a step of obedience God is prompting you to take today?
- Where might God be asking you to slow down and see people the way Jesus does?

Weekly Challenge:

Do one intentional act of service for someone this week with no expectation of return—and look for an opportunity to share *why* you did it.

GROUP PRAYER

Start with a time of personal reflection:

- **ASK:**
 - “God, where am I overlooking needs around me?”
 - “What have You already placed in my hands that I can use?”

Pray Together as a Group

- **Awareness:** Open our eyes to the needs around us
 - **Compassion:** Let our hearts reflect the heart of Jesus
 - **Boldness:** That good deeds will lead to Gospel conversations
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CLOSING

- As we move into the Easter season, encourage everyone to engage in all three Easter programs: Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Encourage them to invite their “neighbors” to join them.