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TO
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JOHN 1-6

Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Call To Worship

Amy Wolfe, Interim Worship Director

["Center My Life"](#)

Land, Ivey

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Ryan Boyer

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Ryan Boyer

Assurance of Grace

Pastor Ryan Boyer

["Only A Holy God"](#)

Smith, Robinson, Farren, Thompson

["Jesus"](#)

Leonard, Poore

Local Partnership: Safe Families

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word

[John 6:1-21](#)

Reader: This is God's Word for us today.

All: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

(Psalm 63:3)

["What A Beautiful Name"](#)

Fielding, Ligertwood

Benediction

Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon: More Than Bread and Water

Scripture: [John 6:1-21](#)

Date: May 3, 2020

Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

After making a compelling argument for why he is the true source of life, Jesus withdraws to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, only to be followed by a large crowd. Despite seemingly going away from them, Jesus proceeds to feed the crowd of about five thousand with minuscule morsels of food. Then he withdraws from the disciples only to come back to them in a most miraculous way. We can't help but ask, "What is Jesus up to?" Though the crowd is ready to make him king after he fills their bellies, they are wanting to do it on their own terms. Instead, Jesus makes it clear that he will reveal himself on his own terms.

Discussion Questions

1. What have you learned so far in this study of John's Gospel? How has your understanding of Jesus and his earthly ministry grown through the study? How might this Gospel be an effective way to share your faith with an unsaved friend or loved one?
2. Why was the large crowd following Jesus across the Sea of Galilee? What do you think they hoped to get from him? What are the benefits people hope to get from following Jesus today? How can we tell if we are following Jesus for the right reasons?
3. When does the feeding of the five thousand take place? What did this feast celebrate (read [Deut. 16:1-8](#))? How does this detail add meaning to Jesus' feeding the crowd? How do the leftovers show us that Jesus' feeding was better than Israel's daily manna supply?
4. Jesus would later be declared "King of the Jews" ([John 19:19](#)). Why would he resist being made king at this point in his ministry? What kind of king does it seem that the people want? What is incorrect about their understanding of who Jesus is?
5. How does Jesus reveal himself to the disciples while they're crossing the sea? What does this miracle (coupled with the feeding) tell us about who Jesus truly is? Why must we receive Jesus on his terms rather than coming to him on our own terms?

Next Week's Sermon Preparation

These questions are for personal use during the week to help you prepare for next week's passage, [John 6:22-59](#).

Context

1. What has happened so far in the narrative? Have there been any major events, characters, or themes?
2. What has happened just prior to the section you are reading?

Observation

1. What do you learn about the main characters in this section? How does the author describe them? How do they describe themselves?
2. Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
3. Is there a conflict or high point in the passage?
4. Do you think there is a main point or theme in this section of the story?
5. What surprises are there?

Meaning

1. Are there any 'editorial' comments from the author about the events in the narrative? How do these comments illuminate what is happening?
2. Does someone in the narrative learn something or grow in some way? How? What does this person learn?
3. What does the passage reveal about who Jesus is, and what he came into the world to do?
4. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

Application

1. How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
2. Is there some attitude you need to change?
3. What does this passage teach you about being a disciple of Jesus?

Adapted from: *One to One Bible Reading, A Simple Guide for Every Christian*
by David Helm (Available at the Grace Book Cart)

Local Partnerships

Get involved in people-focused service opportunities throughout the Racine community. The goal is simple: Engage our community, invest in others, and patiently, lovingly point them to Jesus.

A complete listing of Local Partnerships can be found graceinracine.com.

Safe Families For Children

Local Partnership Leader: Amy Wolfe, amywolfe84@gmail.com / 262-757-3365

Safe Families for Children surrounds families in crisis with caring, compassionate community. Safe Families works with churches to provide biblical hospitality by providing care and resources to vulnerable children. This partnership strives to create extended family-like support for desperate families through a community of devoted volunteers.

There are several ways you can get involved with Safe Families:

Be a Host Family, Be a Family Friend, Be a Family Coach, Be a Resource Friend.
Learn more at graceinracine.com/safefamilies.

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Glenn Schultz

On the passing of Diane Voss, we extend our sympathy to her daughter, Cheryl Voss.

On the passing of Jeanne Kelemen, we extend our sympathies to her family and friends.

Are you hurting? Everyone needs help from time to time. We're here to help.

Contact the Care Team at 632.2111, care@graceinracine.com

Due to the size of our church, we're not always aware of every need.

Please help us by sending life updates to care@graceinracine.com.

We would love to encourage you and pray.

Last Week: Livestream Attendance: 310 households

Giving: Last Week: \$52,676 YTD: \$546,049 +/- Budget: \$31,526

Here are some Key Words to Listen for in the sermon. Make a mark every time you hear these words:

BREAD

FEED

PROVIDE

KING

PROPHET



More Than Bread and Water

Use a copy of the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible to fill in the missing words below from John 6:11-14. Then listen to the message and fill in the outline below.



" _____ took the _____, and when he had given _____, he distributed them to those who were _____. So also the _____, as much as they _____. And when they had _____ their _____, he told his disciples, " _____ up the _____ fragments, that _____ may be _____." So they gathered them up and filled _____ baskets with fragments from the _____ barley loaves left by those who had _____. When the people saw the _____ that he had done, they said, "This is _____ the _____ who is come into the world!" John 6:11-14

FILL IN THE MAIN POINTS OF TODAY'S MESSAGE

1. **SETTING:** Jesus _____ from His _____ (v.1-3)
2. **PROBLEM:** Who is going to _____ these people? (v. 4-9)
- 3A. **RESOLUTION:** Jesus _____ and then some (v. 10-15)
- 3B. **NEW PROBLEM:** They want to make Jesus _____ on their own _____ (v. 15)
4. **TRUE RESOLUTION:** _____ reveals Himself on his own _____ (v. 16-21)

AFTER THE SERMON ACTIVITY

This week when you or your child asks for something or complains about not having something, ask her if Jesus is better than that item. The answer is of course why? Ask her what makes Jesus better than that item. Then have her draw or write it on your mural. It is up to you if you grant her request or not. At the end of the week, look over your mural and the items listed. Do we still "need" some of these items? Of course—we still need clothes to keep us warm, and food to keep us healthy, etc. But these should not be where we place our trust and happiness. Who is the One who truly provides us with these things? Spend some time in prayer together thanking God for providing these things for you and your family and then asking that these things will not distract you or your child from finding true happiness in Him! As a bonus activity, you can make a second mural of truths about God that can help you remember that only Jesus truly satisfies and that nothing is better than Jesus.



REVIEW TODAY'S MESSAGE BY DISCUSSING THESE QUESTIONS AS A FAMILY:

1. THIS IS THE THIRD SIGN THAT JOHN LISTS IN HIS GOSPEL THAT SHOWS THAT JESUS IS GOD. DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST TWO? NAME ALL THREE. WHAT WERE THE REACTIONS TO EACH ONE?
2. WHAT HAPPENED IN TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE? HOW DID THE PEOPLE REACT? HOW DID THE DISCIPLES REACT? RETELL TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE IN YOUR OWN WORDS.
3. WHEN JESUS FINISHED MULTIPLYING THE FOOD WAS EVERYONE SATISFIED? WHAT DID THEY FIND PLEASING ABOUT WHAT JESUS HAD DONE? WOULD THEY EVENTUALLY GET HUNGRY AGAIN? WHAT DID JESUS WANT TO SHOW THEM WHEN HE DID THAT MIRACLE? WHAT DOES THIS SHOW YOU ABOUT JESUS? HOW DOES THIS CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE ABOUT THE WEEK AHEAD KNOWING THIS TRUTH ABOUT JESUS?

