

FOOD FOR 5,000!

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Study of John / John 6:1-15

Introduction

I. A Multitude Follows Jesus. (1-3)

II. The Multitude Must Eat! (4-7)

A. They Had Traveled and Were Hungry. [4]

B. Jesus Asks Philip Where to Buy Food. [5-7]

200 Pennyworth = 200 Days Wages for a Laboring Man. This was a great sum and Philip thought it unattainable.

III. A Multitude of Problems. (8-9)

A. Andrew's Doubtful Solution. [8]

Andrew was a person of action. He came up with a solution, but didn't really think it would work.

B. The Lad's Small Lunch. [9]

barley loaves = a bread that was inferior to the bread people commonly ate.

III. The Multitude Ordered to Sit Down. (10)

IV. The Multitude Served. (11-13)

V. The Multitude Testify. (14)

VI. The Master Leaves. (15)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT

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Comprehension: (What does it say?) **Please do this part at home.*

1. Who are the main characters? How many others are there?
2. Where does this take place?
3. Who provides the fish and loaves?
4. What does Jesus do before distributing the food?

Interpretation: (What does it mean?)

1. Who does Jesus question about providing the food and why?
2. Do you think the disciples took the food from the boy or did he freely give it? Can you imagine how this kid must have felt afterwards?

Application: (How do I apply this to my life?)

1. Do you make a habit of giving thanks before meals? How about in public?
2. Have you had an experience where God used a little “something” and multiplied it?
3. *In the end, the people wanted to make Jesus a king and He had to leave to stop them. He had just taught a great spiritual truth, but the people were thinking about their immediate need of defeating the Roman occupiers.* In what ways are we selfish with our requests of God? Do we also desire more of the physical and material help than of the spiritual?

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