

# Sermon Notes

## Lord Of Our Needs

*"After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick. Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?" This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do. Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little." One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted. When they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost." So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone." (John 6:1-15)*

1. What is the sign?
2. What do we learn about Jesus from this sign?
3. What do we learn about ourselves from this sign?

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# For Further Thought And Discussion

## Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. Hunger is often used as a picture of a strong, overwhelming desire. What is your greatest hunger?

## Going Deeper

1. Please read John 6:1-15. According to Mark's gospel, Jesus and the disciples went to the other side of the lake to escape the crowds. How do you think the disciples felt when they arrived at their destination, only to find the crowds waiting there for them? How do you think Jesus felt? Why? Who initiates this meal? Why does Jesus ask Philip about how all these people are going to be fed? What do you notice about the way Jesus feeds the crowd?
2. What does this sign reveal about Jesus? How does this sign build your faith in Him?
3. What does this sign reveal about us? How does the crowd react? Why? Why do they want to make Jesus king? Why doesn't Jesus let them?
4. Please read John 6:26-35. Why is the crowd seeking Jesus? (26) Do people seek Jesus for that reason today? What's the difference between the food the people are seeking and the food Jesus wants to give them? (27) How does Jesus say that we get that food? (28-29) Why is this hard for many people to accept? How does the crowd respond? (30-31) What does their response reveal about the nature of miracles?
5. How is this crowd following Jesus with their stomachs rather than with their hearts? Do we ever make the same mistake?
6. How do people today try to satisfy their hunger? If we believe vs. 35, how might it change us?

## Application

What is one lesson you will apply from this week's discussion?  
How will you apply it?