

Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John

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How Jesus Trains Us (John 6:1-21)

1. Trusting Jesus for provision in ministry (6:1-15)

2. Trusting Jesus for peace in chaos (6:16-21)

Getting Started:

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. How have you tested or pushed yourself recently (e.g. physically, intellectually, spiritually) over the past few months?

For Further Thought and Discussion:

3. How does Jesus test his disciples (v. 6)? How do they respond (vv. 7-9)? Why is Jesus testing them in this way?
4. Why do the crowds want to make Jesus king (v. 15)? Why would they react this way (see v. 4; compare v. 14 with Deuteronomy 18:15-18)? Why is their reaction ironic? What do they get right about Jesus? What do they get wrong about him?
5. What is Jesus revealing about himself by walking on the water (v. 19; see Job 9:8)? Why is it significant that Jesus says to his disciples, *"I am, do not be afraid."* (v. 20; compare John 6:35; 8:58; Exodus 3:14-15)?

Application:

6. In verses 1-13, Jesus teaches us to focus on people's needs (rather than the problems that keep us from serving); to focus on who he is, rather than what we have; and to remember that nothing is wasted when he works through us. Which of these lessons stood out to you? Why?
7. Jeff said that only the fear of God can liberate us from our other fears. Why is it important that we see Jesus as awesome and powerful in the midst of chaos (and not merely as kind and loving; compare John's words in John 13:3-5 with Revelation 1:17)?
8. What's one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?