

2W – John 5:31-47 - Four fold Witness of Jesus: 1. John the Baptist, 2. Works of Jesus
3. Words of God/Father, 4. God’s written Word, (W/Jesus/witness/himself v16-30) = Five!
LW – Family Camp/Jerry

John 6:1–14

1 After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. **2** Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His **signs** which He performed on those who were diseased. **3** And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

1) Great Multitude followed Jesus because they saw the signs/performed/diseased...

John 6:26 - Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.”

John 6:66–68 - From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. **67** Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” **68** But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Respond – Why do you follow Jesus?

- * Some followed him because he filled a temporary need they had – they were hungry
- * Others followed him because He changed their lives! Jesus has the words of eternal life!
- * He is worthy to be followed not just when we need him/convenient, but always for life!

2) Jesus went up on the mountain...and there...sat with His disciples

* In Mt, Mk & Lk – all say/deserted place – Jesus sat w/disciples - Disciples sat with Jesus

Respond – Oh to sit w/Jesus, just to sit w/Him! Pastor John/Men/Mt, Pastor Chuck/Conf.

* Sit with Jesus! Let Him talk to us! We can do that reading Bibles, Sun, Wed, Small Groups

4 Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. **5** Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” **6** But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

Ex 16:1-4 ...Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may **test** them, whether they will walk in My law or not.

Proverbs 17:3 - The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the LORD **tests** the hearts.

Isaiah 48:10 - Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have **tested** you in the furnace of affliction.

Respond – Sometimes the Lord tests us by giving us situations we cannot solve

- Sometimes He tests us in affliction

- The test is always to cause us to come to Him, learn from Him, learn that He is the answer!

7 Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.” **8** One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, **9** “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?”

* Here is the purpose of sitting with Jesus – He will give us opportunities to put to use what He teaches us!

* The thing that Philip & Andrew had in common was they were both fishermen (Jn 1:43-44)

* But Jesus’ promise to these fishermen was this: **Matthew 4:19–20** - Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” **20** They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Respond – What is our response to His offer? To change us! From fishermen/fishers of men!

10 Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. **11** And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. **12** So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.” **13** Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. **14** Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

1. Word repeated 3 times – Disciples – Disciples learn by listening, & learn by taking part in Jesus’s Ministry of Miracles!

- They did not DO the miracle, they go to see, participate in the Miracle!
- They got to learn by listening and participating and see Jesus at work!

2. What did they learn? V13

- What did Jesus have them do to finish the Miracle?
- Go pick up the leftovers! How many baskets 12! How many disciples? 12
- A lesson to be learned for each of them!
- Jesus took that which did not have the power feed all, fed all as much as they wanted, and there were still leftovers!
- It was a Sign – to prove that He was the Prophet – See later in chapter
- That He is the Bread of Life and all that eat of Him will **never** hunger!!

Respond – We can learn from sitting w/listening; but we will see and be changed by taking part in Jesus’ Ministry of Miracles!

- Wednesday at SUVH – we took communion for the first time, John 10, took communion...
- We got to see the effects of Jesus in Veterans, Spouses and Staff’s lives!
- We got to see them take communion in remembrance of what Jesus had done for them!
- We got to see the result of the purpose of sitting w/Jesus and hearing His word in the Gospel of John:

John 20:30–31 - And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; **31** but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

- We are going to take communion here today
- You have sat w/Jesus, you have heard Jesus,
- Now some have a chance to partake in a Miracle of Jesus – To give you eternal life!
- Are you hungry today, looking to the world, yourself, your own resources to satisfy you...
- At best it can satisfy you, maybe yours, but only for a short time and you will be hungry again, in need again, and it will never meet the need of your soul & spirit for eternal life!
- We all have a chance to take time and thank God for the Bread of Life, Cup of Life