

Filling The Void

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JOHN 6:1-40

Using This Study

① EXAMINE His Word

(Observation)

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matter, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

② EXPLORE His Word

(Interpretation)

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

③ EMBRACE His Word

(Application)

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience. How will it change your life?



Today we continue to look at the miracles of Jesus. Jesus' ministry was transformative for people's lives and for their understanding and dependences on God. God supplies all of our needs. Unfortunately, what we see as a need does not always qualify for what is best for us or our biggest need. This morning we will read about the feeding of the 5000 and Jesus walking on water right after that. We will see Him meet the physical needs of the people and demonstrate His authority as God Himself. Jesus is sufficient for all our needs.



● EXAMINE His Word (Observation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read John 6:1-40 (NASB)

6After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias).²A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick.³Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples.⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.⁵Therefore 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?"⁶This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.⁷Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little."⁸One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,⁹"There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?"¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.¹¹Jesus 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.¹²When they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost."¹³So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.¹⁴Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."¹⁵So 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.¹⁶Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea,¹⁷and after getting into a boat, they started to cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.¹⁸The sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing.¹⁹Then, when they had rowed

about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened.²⁰But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."²¹So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.²²The next day the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with His disciples into the boat, but that His disciples had gone away alone.²³There came other small boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks.²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus.²⁵When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You get here?"

²⁶Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled."²⁷Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."²⁸Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?"²⁹Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."³⁰So they said to Him, "What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?"³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.'³²Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven."³³For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."³⁴Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹This is the will of Him

who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in this passage that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and Metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)

What does God MEAN?

1. What does Jesus want to teach His disciples by feeding the 5000 men?
2. Why does Jesus walk across the sea? Not just to get to the other side.
3. What is the parallel between Jesus feeding the 5000 and Moses?
4. In verse 30 of chapter 6, why do the people ask for a sign when one had already been given?
5. How does Jesus reveal His deity?

3 EMBRACE His Word (Application)

Why does this MATTER to me?

6. In this passage Jesus is sufficient for their needs. How is He sufficient for our needs today?

7. In a society that seems to not be in need because of great wealth, how can we show people that Jesus will meet their needs?

8. Why is it important for us to understand that Jesus is fully God and not just a son of God?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES