

'When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."' John 6:12 NIV

'So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.' John 6:13 NIV

4. I should give _____ to God.

'After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.'

John 6:14-15 NIV

'When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them.' John 6:16-17 NIV

I gave up on faith/church because I wasn't _____ anything out of ____.

'When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."' John 6:25-27 NIV

'So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "" John 6:30-31 NIV

Are we just in this for the _____?

Who do you believe _____?

'Therefore, I urge you, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God.' Romans 12:1 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever returned from a trip and not brought a gift for someone who expected one? Have you ever expected a gift from someone's travels and not received one?
2. How would you define an authentic relationship?
3. Have you been in a relationship where you or the other person had an agenda? How did that go?
4. Read John 6:1-15.
 - What are some details about this story that would lead a reader to believe that this actually happened?
 - What do you think it felt like for the disciples to have thousands of people approaching because they wanted something from them?
 - In verse 13, John provides a detail about the amount of bread left over. Why do you think he included this?
 - In verse 14 what is Jesus showing about himself? What did the crowd think?
5. Read John 6:25-27. Describe how the disciples and the crowd may have felt about being called out by Jesus.
6. What is one thing you have asked God to give you that he didn't or hasn't yet? Has this disappointment led you to take steps towards God or away? What thoughts and/or feelings led you in the direction you chose?
7. What can you do this week to follow Jesus more closely? How can you demonstrate love for others? Is there someone in particular you could offer more grace and forgiveness? How can this group encourage you?

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