

WELCOME TO CEC	Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	All hail the King of heaven
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SINGING TOGETHER	I am who You say I am
	All I have and all I am is Yours
PRAYER	
SINGING TOGETHER	Yet not I but Christ in me
BIBLE READING	John 6:1-15
MESSAGE	Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	Precious Cornerstone



## Person of interest ~4 **Consumer or follower?** John 6:1-15

It is	to have an	relationship
with someone from whom you're always trying to		something.

John's gospel is organised around signs.

'But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing, you may have life in His name.' John 20:31 NIV

The fourth sign: The feeding of the 5,000.

## 1. I admit I have an unsolvable

'Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick.' John 6:1-2 NIV

'Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Feast was near.' John 6:3-4 NIV

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, "Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"" John 6:5 NIV

'He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" John 6:6-7 NIV

## 2. I give God what I already have.

'Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them.' John 6:8-10 NIV

# 3. I expect God to

'Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.' John 6:11 NIV

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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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