


# BREAD AND WATER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS


JOHN 6:1-21

## 1 Sermon Notes and Meditation

 Immense \_\_\_\_\_  
(Think of an example of an overwhelming time of need in your own life to share at community group)

 Inadequate \_\_\_\_\_  
(Think through how you innately handle difficulties in life. What resources do you draw upon first?)

 Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_  
(Try to think of a situation where God intervened in a difficult situation in your life and showed his power and glory)

 Divine \_\_\_\_\_  
(What would it look like for someone today to fashion their own image of Jesus? What would it look like to believe and receive him more fully in your times of trial and pain?)

## 2 John 6:1-21 describes two miracles of Jesus. What impossible things does Jesus do? What is the connection between these miracles?

 What is the response of onlookers to the first miracle? What is the role of disciples in these miracles?

## 3 How do the miracles of John 6 picture the role of man versus the role of God in salvation? What is the believer's role in the salvation of someone else?


 How do Christians fail in understanding their role in the salvation of others?


## 4 Consider the people desiring to make Jesus king after the feeding of the five thousand. Why did Jesus escape that?

 There are some good social and governmental causes, but do you think Jesus would be involved in all of them? Explain your answer. Does this diminish the importance of human causes?


 What is the ultimate miracle that can happen in humanity today? How are you campaigning for this ultimate cause?


**5 The needs of others often seem overwhelming and perhaps even impossible to meet.** In spite of those feelings, how could God use you in meeting needs? How are you presently involved in meeting others' needs?

 While you may want to give of your "fish and bread," what is a danger in thinking you are the answer to meeting people's needs?

 When is it right to say "no" to the demands of needy people?

**6 What impossibilities are you facing now?**


 Perhaps when things stack up, you dismiss that which seems like it wouldn't be enough - perhaps you dismiss people, talents, gifts, experiences, resources, or time because they don't seem like enough. What is the missing quotient in your impossibilities?

 What sinful bents prevent you from going into the realm of the impossible, the radical, the illogical, the never-before-done, the risky, or unpopular?

**7 Trials of life can come rolling in like pounding waves on a boat during a storm.** Humanity experiences common feelings in trials. What feelings do you have in the middle of trials? What feelings were the disciples experiencing?

 What is the answer to making it through our life storms?

**8 An old book called "The Practice of the Presence of God" brings to mind what the disciples came to know through the very physical presence of the Lord Jesus.** Brother Lawrence writes: "I cannot imagine how religious persons can live satisfied without the practice of the presence of God. For my part I keep myself retired with Him in the depth of center of my soul as much as I can; and while I am so with Him I fear nothing; but the least turning from Him is insupportable."

 What if Christians do not practice the presence of Christ—what is it like for them to go through trials? What if Christians habitually practice God's presence, how is the navigation of trials different? How can we grow to experience God's presence with us in all situations? How would this affect our behavior and emotions?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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