



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Miracles: The Problem of Faith

John 6:1-7 | Oct 4, 2026



John 6:1-7 - ¹ After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little."

OBSERVATION | *What does the text say?*

1. Why was a large crowd following Jesus (John 6:1-2)?

What had they witnessed?

2. What did Jesus notice about the crowd (John 6:5-6)?

What question did He ask Philip?

3. How did Philip respond to Jesus' question (John 6:7)?

What does his answer reveal about the challenge they faced?

INTERPRETATION | *What does the text mean?*

1. Why did Jesus test Philip even though He already knew what He was going to do (John 6: 6)?

What does this teach us about how God uses challenging circumstances to develop our faith?

2. What does Jesus' awareness of the crowd's hunger reveal about His concern for our physical and spiritual needs?

- Philip calculated the cost of feeding the crowd but failed to consider Christ's sufficiency. What does this reveal about the difference between human reasoning and faith?

APPLICATION | *How should this change us?*

1. When you face a difficult situation, do you tend to focus first on the size of the problem or on the sufficiency of Christ? Share a recent example.

2. Is there an area of your life where you have exhausted your own resources and struggle to trust God?

What would it look like to depend on Him in that situation?

3. Where are you calculating the cost without considering Christ? Take a moment to identify one specific challenge and pray for the faith to trust Jesus, even when you cannot yet see the solution.

4. As our church considers its vision for the next five years, including investing in missions and church planting, how can we move beyond focusing on our limitations and grow in faith and dependence on Christ?

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

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