



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Miracles: The Problem of Focus, Part 1

John 6:14-15 | Oct 18, 2026



John 6:14-15 - ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” ¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

OBSERVATION | *What does the text say?*

1. After witnessing Jesus' miracle, how did the crowd respond in John 6:14?

Whom did they identify Jesus as? What Old Testament promise might they have had in mind (see Deuteronomy 18:15)?

2. According to John 6:15, what did the crowd intend to do with Jesus?

How did He respond to their intentions?

3. How does the crowd's response reveal the third problem in John 6:1–21— the problem of focus?

4. How does this differ from the problems of faith (John 6:1–7) and food (John 6:8–13)?

INTERPRETATION | *What does the text mean?*

1. Why might the crowd have connected Jesus' miraculous provision with the promised prophet like Moses?

How might their expectations have been shaped by the Passover season and their desire for deliverance?

2. The crowd recognized Jesus' power but wanted to make Him king on their own terms. What does this reveal about the difference between recognizing what Jesus can do and truly understanding who He is?

3. How can God's good gifts— such as provision, health, success, and security— become distractions from God Himself?

How might Jesus' withdrawal in John 6:15 demonstrate His refusal to conform to the crowd's expectations?

APPLICATION | *How should this change us?*

1. We can be tempted to treat God like a “spiritual emergency room,” seeking Him primarily when we need help. What practical steps can help you pursue Christ’s presence daily rather than seeking Him only for what He can provide?

2. Have you experienced a season when God did not provide what you wanted or answer a prayer as you expected? Looking back, how might that experience have challenged or redirected your priorities?

3. Reflecting on your past week, have your prayers focused more on “Jesus, what can You do for me?” or “Jesus, who are You, and how can I follow You?” What needs to change in your prayers, priorities, or daily choices?

4. Which of the following action steps would most help you refocus on Christ this week?

- ☐ Surrender your five loaves: Offer your time, talents, and resources to Christ.
- ☐ Shift your prayers: Move from praying primarily for personal comfort to praying for gospel opportunities and the salvation of others. Also, pray for your role and responsibility in the five-year plan for our church to become a more evangelistic, disciple-making church that plants churches.
- ☐ See through faith: View difficult circumstances in your life and community as opportunities to trust Christ's sufficiency.

What specific step will you take?

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

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