

Trinity Church, Sarnia  
Lenten Bible Study – 2021

**7 Signs of God's Love**

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[Week #4 . John 6:1-15, 25-35 The Feeding of the Five Thousand](#)

**Questions<sup>1</sup>:**

**Open:**

1. Do you prefer large gatherings, dinner for four, or a quiet evening by yourself?

**Dig**

1. Why did the crowd follow Jesus. What did they think about him?
2. What was the test that Jesus was using on Philip? How might the wedding at Cana (2:1-11) have been a factor in this test?
3. What is the significance of the fact that there was more left over after the meal than there was food to start with? What truth about Jesus does this sign show?
4. How could the nearness of the Passover feast (when Jews from all over the empire would flock to Jerusalem) fuel the desires of the people (vv.14-15)? What does Jesus' response say about his idea of kingship?
5. Read 6:25-27. Why do the crowds still search for Jesus? How does Jesus answer show the difference between their interest and his?

6. Read 6:28-29 How are they/we to work for the food that leads to eternal life?

**Reflect**

1. When have you seen God stretch your limited resources (physically or emotionally) far beyond what you could have imagined? In what ways do you need to trust him do so now?
2. What is the primary reason for which you have decided to follow Jesus. What does it mean for you that he is the Bread of Life?

**Group Norms to enhance our experience**

- **Try to make attendance a priority..**
- **Try to stay “on topic.”** Stick to the passage being studied. Seek to find the answers in the text.
- **Everyone participates and no one dominates.** We are sometimes so eager to share what we have learned that we don't leave room for others. By all means participate – but leave space for others.
- **Be sensitive to the other members of the Group.** We respect each other and can all learn from each other. There are no ‘dumb’ questions.
- **Support for one another is part of our life** as followers of Jesus.
- **Confidentiality matters:** When someone shares something of private nature, that stays in the group. We tell our own stories, if we want – not other people's.
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<sup>1</sup> With a “hat's off” to the Serendipity Bible for some of these questions.