

Asbury Daily Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

Perhaps one of the most famous signs Jesus performed was feeding 5,000+ people with five loaves of bread and two fish. Those that followed Jesus thought he was finally getting to the point of what he could do for them. They were more enamored with the signs than with what the signs were pointing to.

Monday: Colossians 3:12-14

In today's scripture passage, the Apostle Paul is telling a new community of Jesus followers how they should treat one another. How would you define an "authentic" relationship? Have you been in a relationship where you or the other person had an agenda? How did that go?

Tuesday: John 6:1-14

- What are some details about this story that would lead a reader to believe 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?
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Wednesday: John 6:25-27

How do you think the disciples and the crowd may have felt being called out by Jesus? Does this surprise you that Jesus would say something like that? What does Jesus' statement mean for you in your walk with Him?

Thursday: Isaiah 43:1-5, Psalm 23

God doesn't promise us that all our prayers will be answered. He promises us to be with us in the difficult times. 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 toward God or away from him? What thoughts and/or feelings led you in that direction?

Friday: John 13:31-35

On the night before his death, Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment. What can you do this week to follow Jesus more closely? How can you demonstrate more love for one another? Is there someone in particular to whom you could offer more grace and forgiveness?

MOVING FORWARD

Let's not be consumers. Let's be followers. Jesus' followers changed the world once. Perhaps we can do that again. *"Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."* John 6:27

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) authentic, B) saw, C) Christians. IIA) person, B) Roman, IIC) bread. IIIA) understand, B) believe, C) consumers.