

John 6

Review:

Faith isn't as much about performing miracles as trusting Jesus.

It is a lifestyle of believing He'll respond to seeking Him.

Keeping ourselves in His love enables faith because "faith works through love". (Gal 5:6)

John 6 - transition from faith in what He can do to faith in Who He Is

1-2) They followed signs, which will be withheld in attempt to draw them deeper.

Will God withhold what we want to draw us to what we need?

3-6) Pop Quiz on Faith (12 questions - heart evaluation)

7) math doesn't work

Q1: Is my starting point ever an explanation of why it can't be done?

8-9) disciples re: food (Jn 4:8, Mt 16:5-12 "little faith"), only enough for them

Q2: Do limited resources ever produce a selfish focus on my own needs?

10-13) one basket per disciple, but had to serve crowd first

14-15) We can really use this guy!

Q3: Do I ever try to force God to serve my own purposes?

16-25) had to track down His disciples to re-find Jesus

Q4: Do I ever lose focus on Jesus when my needs are satisfied? (ex: boy in trouble)

Q5: Am I walking with Jesus (disciple) or repeatedly trying to reconnect with Him?

26-29) reveals their hearts (flesh), calls them higher (Spirit)

they want to perform miracles, He wants them to trust Him

(if they'd trust him they would eventually perform miracles)

Q6: Am I trying to do the works of Jesus without intimacy with Jesus?

30-33) prove we should believe by meeting our desire, He offers Himself

Q7: Do I ever tell Jesus I'm more interested in my desires than Him?

34) 40 years of manna is testimony of unbelief! (Heb 3:19)

Miracles don't cure unbelief.

Miracles will get you out of Egypt, but it takes faith to enter the promised land.

Q8: Do I ever prefer God provide for me where I am than risk going to war for a superior promise?

* notice He is "Lord" while they still have hope of their needs being met (vs 34)

35-42) I am your sustenance, but you don't have faith.

I am the Son of God, believe Me.

They question His divinity. (no longer "Lord")

Q9: Do I ever take back lordship of my life when Jesus doesn't respond as I want?

43-52) He's offering eternal life, they can't think past breakfast.

Q10: Is my daily feeding on Jesus ever crowded out by the issues of life?

53-60) We understand now (communion/cross), but they didn't.

Q11: Do I ever refuse to trust when I don't understand?

61-66) Not understanding opens the door to offence.

Q12: Do I reserve the right to be offended and walk away?

67-69) Faith is always a choice.

Correct Answer: My faith is in Who You Are.

It doesn't depend on my circumstances or understanding.

He may not meet all our expectations, but His character will never disappoint us!

70-71) Bonus Question

Am I sitting in the midst of His disciples, yet He isn't really Lord of my life?

Multitudes followed Jesus...120 experienced Pentecost (Acts 1:15)

Stay in the place of Faith!