**THE NEW AND BETTER MOSES**

**John 6:1-15**

**JESUS ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS THE MESSIAH**

* *“After this, Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). 2 A huge crowd was following him because they saw the signs that he was performing by healing the sick. 3 Jesus went up a mountain and sat down there with his disciples.”* (John 6:1-3)
* **It is only when we acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah and the Lord Himself, that we will truly understand the depth of His power.**

**JESUS’ POWER IS LIMITLESS**

* **Without obstacles and challenges in our lives, we would never have opportunities to see the power of Jesus at work!**
* *“Now the Passover, a Jewish festival, was near. 5 So when Jesus looked up and noticed a huge crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, ‘Where will we buy bread so that these people can eat?’ 6 He asked this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, ‘Two hundred denarii worth of bread wouldn’t be enough for each of them to have a little.’”* (John 6:4-7)
* **There is no problem we face that is too big for the power of Jesus to overcome.**

**JESUS CAN DO MUCH WITH OUR LITTLE**

* *“One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, 9 ‘There’s a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish—but what are they for so many?’ 10 Jesus said, ‘Have the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass in that place; so they sat down. The men numbered about five thousand. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and after giving thanks he distributed them to those who were seated—so also with the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were full, he told his disciples, ‘Collect the leftovers so that nothing is wasted.’ 13 So they collected them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces from the five barley loaves that were left over by those who had eaten.”* (John 6:8-13)
* **When we are thankful for the little we have, we are positioned to see God take our “little” and do great things with it.**
* *“Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.”* (Ephesians 3:20)
* **“If Jesus cares enough to make sure none of the leftovers are lost, how much more will he make sure none of His people are lost?” – Carter & Wredberg**

**JESUS IS NOT SUBJECT TO OUR AGENDA**

* *“When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, ‘This truly is the Prophet who is to come into the world.’ 15 Therefore, when Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.”* (John 6:14-15)
* **Jesus calls us to follow Him in complete submission to His Kingdom agenda, rather than us attempting to get Him to submit to our earthly agenda.**
* *“’My kingdom is not of this world,’ said Jesus. ‘If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight, so that I wouldn’t be handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’”* (John 18:36)
* **When we truly embrace Jesus as Lord of our lives, our personal pursuits become secondary to His plans and purposes.**

**CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION**

**ICE BREAKER:** Share about a time when you did the right thing and it had negative consequences. (i.e. Lost a job, lost “friends”, people slandered you, etc.)

**Start Thinking:**

* What does John 6:1-15 teach us about Jesus?
* How is Jesus “like Moses” in John 6:1-21?
* How would you have responded if you were there for the miracle?

**Dig Deeper:**

* How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus has limitless power that He can use on your behalf? How do you respond when that power isn’t used in a way that you think it should? (i.e. not experiencing a specific miracle you prayed for.)
* Why is it so important to bring our “little” to the Lord? (Think beyond surface level responses. Dig deeper.)
* Why is it so important that we understand Jesus is Lord and not just some type of morally good magician to meet our desires?
* What does it look like in your life to pursue Jesus’ agenda rather than your own?

**Pray:**

* Share prayer requests and pray for each other.
* Pray for our community to be open to the Gospel.
* Pray for our church, and leadership.
* Pray for our government leaders, and local leaders.
* Pray about anything else the Holy Spirit leads you to pray for.