

Inadequacies in the Hands of Christ

John 6:1-14

How have you ever felt overwhelmed or inadequate?

List a few ways: _____

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. John 6:1

Context: _____, _____, _____

So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them. Mark 6:12-13

And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.

Mark 6:27-28

And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

Mark 6:2-3

When we see _____, God sees _____

Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.

John 6:5-6

Peirazao –to test in the positive sense, to ascertain the quality, behavior of a thing or person. In the negative sense, to trap.

Philip's problem – doesn't _____ with a spiritual _____

Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little."

John 6:7

Andrew's problem – doesn't _____ with spiritual _____

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"

John 6:8-9

One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

John 1:40-42

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. John 12:20-22

God is looking for people who are _____

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

John 6:10-14

Discussion Questions:

- What obstacles do you face that seem overwhelming, or you are inadequate to handle?
- What are some of the gifts that you have which you can offer to God?
- How have you seen God take your gifts and multiplied them for his purposes and glory?
- How have you experienced the gifts from others in ways that God used?
- What is stopping you from offering what you have to God?
- What are some of the things that God is calling you to do?

Further study:

- Compare the 4 different accounts of Jesus feeding of the 5000. (Mat 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-15).
 - What details does John include that the other gospel writers don't?
 - Why does John include those details?
 - Who is he comparing Jesus to?
- Take the spiritual gifts test and put your gift to use!
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