
Don't just hear the Word—live it! Read the focus passage, then dig into the guide independently or with a small group.

SERIES: I'm Him

MESSAGE TITLE: The Transcender

MESSAGE OVERVIEW: Some troubles seem to overshadow everything else. We can let them demand time and energy from us, and take no ground in the process. Or, we can turn to Jesus, who transcends the chaos and guides us through.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: John 6:1-21

BREAKING IT DOWN:

1. One-dimensional thinking gets us totally stuck; all we see is the problem. With two dimensions, we see the facts but ignore the context. If we are thinking three-dimensionally, we see the facts *and* the context, while considering more than what can be seen. How were the disciples thinking in verses 7-8? What does that prove about our view versus God's plan? Does faith change what we see?
2. Jesus fed thousands using five loaves and two fish; He provided more than enough when very little was brought to him. What can He do in your life? What can you do to keep a three-dimensional mindset?
3. So amazed by this miracle, the people want to crown him king. Paradoxically, we see others in the Gospel bent on killing Him. We do these same things in our own ways. Have you ever used Jesus to serve your purposes? Maybe restricted Him to certain parts of your life? Have you minimized Him?
4. Imagine the scene in verses 17-18. Dark, windy, the boat rocking wildly—and Jesus approaches on the water. How did the disciples react? Did the previous miracle seem to have impacted them, or are they still discounting Jesus? Does Jesus wait to come close until *after* our storms pass, or is He with us through everything?
5. If we compare John's account to the same in Matthew 14, we might say John overlooked some details... unless the omissions were intentional. Why do you think John recorded the story as he did? Do fewer details help us to focus on Jesus? What is the significance of verse 21?

WAYS TO LIVE THE MESSAGE THIS WEEK:

Acknowledge Jesus, **trust** Him, and **listen** to Him. Read Proverbs 3:5-6, and remember that Jesus...

- is sovereign over our circumstances,
- has authority over what we can't control,
- and transcends our current situations.

