

Come and See

July 19, 2020 | Come and See (Part 8): Do We Come to Jesus for Jesus? | David Liauw

WARM UP QUESTION: Describe a moment when you found out someone had ulterior motives that were different than what you initially thought. Have you ever had to adjust your motives toward someone?

READ: John 6

FOCUS: Do we come to Jesus *for* Jesus?

OBSERVE:

The Miracle of Bread (John 6:1-21)

- John demonstrates that God has sent a greater Moses to rescue His people. Moses was important to the history, culture, and faith of Israel. Like Moses, Jesus provided bread to a large crowd in the wilderness. Jesus walked across the sea as if on dry land and led the disciples across the sea to safety, much as Moses led the Israelites across the sea on dry ground.

The Meaning of the Miracle (John 6:22-59)

- Moses's followers ate bread in the wilderness but still died. Jesus didn't come to merely give bread but to be the Bread of Life who gives eternal life. Eating the Bread of Life means believing in Jesus.

The Motivation of True Disciples (John 6:60-69)

- Many of Jesus' followers came to Jesus for His miracles, but not for Him. They came for bread but not for the Bread of Life. When Jesus fed the crowd, they wanted to make Him king. But when He told them the meaning of the miracle, many of them stopped following Him. Jesus' true disciples chose to stay with Jesus because they came for eternal life, the Bread of Life, Himself.

REFLECT:

- What is your primary motivation when you come to Jesus?
- How do you approach Jesus? Do you come to Him to tell Him what you want Him to do, or try to bargain with Him to get your way?
- What do you do when Jesus doesn't answer your prayers as you hoped?

TAKE ACTION:

- We find deepest satisfaction when we turn to Jesus for Himself rather than merely for our temporal wants and needs. Come to Jesus this week without any agenda or other personal desires, but simply to worship and be with Him.
- Please join us in reading the book of John during this series. This week's passage is John 8:12-38.

PRAY:

Jesus, thank You for being the Bread of Life that gives us eternal life. Help us to come to You not for our own desires or for what You can give us, but for You alone. We praise You because You are the only one who can satisfy us completely, give us eternal life, and save us from sin and death. Remind us daily that all the pleasures of Earth pale in comparison to the pleasure of You, in Your name, amen.

