

Marvel

The Seven Miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of John

About the Series: Throughout His ministry, Jesus performed miracles to authenticate and validate His message of truth. This series will look at the seven miracles of Jesus recorded in the gospel of John to give us a unique perspective of God's power and might, because what we believe about God directly affects how we live out the Christian life.

Part 4

In Whose Hands

John 6:1-14 | Dr. Stephen G. Tan

DISCUSS

We have many options as to whose hands we will put our lives in—our own, others, or that of God's mighty hands. Sadly, we would rather entrust our lives in the hands of others, or even our own, before entrusting it in God's hands. Read John 6:1-14 and discuss the following truths God reveals about Himself to encourage us to trust Him with our lives.

The compassionate Savior cares for all of our needs, both spoken and unrequested (v. 1-5).

- Why did Jesus and his disciples need time for themselves? Who were waiting for them when they arrived on the mountain to be alone? How did Jesus feel in that moment when he saw the crowd waiting for him (corresponding gospel accounts in Matthew 14, Mark 6, and Luke 9)? How did Jesus further show his compassion for the big crowd in verse 5?
- What would you do if someone who is in need interrupts your rest day after a very busy and tiring week?

- As a Christian, how do you minister to those who have spiritual and physical unspoken or unrequested needs?
- What are your personal needs that God meets whether you ask for it or not?

Pragmatism often prevents us from seeing faith-based solutions (v. 6-9).

- How did Jesus test the disciples' faith in His powers in verse 6?
- What was Philip's response that tells you he failed the test and only looked through the lenses of human means, not by faith in the all-powerful God?
- What kind of a person do you think the boy who shared his food was?
- What do faith-based solutions give us in any situation we are put in? Does it mean that we don't need to count the cost, wisely plan ahead and put in hard work to fulfill our God-given responsibilities?
- What does entrusting your life in God's hands mean?

Everything is possible and abundant in the hands of the Lord (v. 10-14).

- What did Jesus tell the disciples to do to ensure orderly distribution of food to about 5,000 people?
- What miracle did Jesus perform to enable him to feed these thousands of people? What lesson do you think the disciples learned from this miracle?
- Do you believe that everything is possible and abundant in the hands of the Lord? Share how true this is in your life—whether it is in the matter of wisdom, your purpose and significance in this life, your blessings, or your ability to do great things for Him.
- What truth about God does John 15:5 tell you? What lesson could you learn from Jesus' instructions to the disciples in verses 12-13?

REFLECT

Let us be encouraged to entrust our lives into the mighty, protective hand of our Lord. How do you react to situations that don't look like there's readily available solutions? How are you trusting God with your needs? What needs should you thank God for providing?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You that in Your hands, two fish and five loaves of bread fed thousands. What an amazing reminder to me that You can provide for my needs because You care about me and everything is possible and abundant in Your hands. Thank You that by faith I can place my life in Your hand. May I completely trust You in tough situations in my life and in providing for my needs, whether it be spiritual or physical. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.