

## Compassion of the multitude

John 6:1-14

### I. Multitude were motivated by signs and wonders John 6:1-3

#### A. Multitude seeking a sign (1,2)

**1** After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is *the Sea of Tiberias*. **2** Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.

#### B. Jesus sitting as he shares the word (3,4)

**3** And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. **4** Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.

### II. Jesus responds to the needs of the multitude John 6:5-9

#### A. Jesus moved with compassion and mercy (5a)

**5** Then Jesus lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him,

#### B. Training his servant for ministry (5b-9)

He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” **6** But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. **7** Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.”

#### C. The generosity of a child (8,9)

**8** One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, **9** “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?”

### III. Jesus ministered to the massed in an orderly fashion John 6:10-14

#### A. Strategic ministry (10,11)

**10** Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. **11** And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

##### 1. Jesus organized (10)

##### 2. Jesus prayed (11a)

##### 3. Jesus distributed to leaders (11b)

#### B. Supernatural ministry (12-14)

**12** So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.” **13** Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. **14** Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

Conclusion

1. We see the needs of the multitude all around us and we can't ignore it.
2. We don't need to be overwhelmed by the need, God will provide.
3. We have been sent out to service the needs of those around us. (the body serves)