

March 2nd, 2025Jesus Disappoints
John 6

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The narrative tension

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Jesus knows and _____ for them. John 6:27-34

Jesus' solution

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John 6:35-59

The disappointing resolution: John 6:66
(cf. John 6:60-65)

Our question: What do we do when we're disappointed by God?

Three reminders from John 6

Because disappointment is _____,
_____ is the greatest miracle. John 6:37-48; Rom. 1:16-17
(cf. Eph 2:1-3:21)

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Jesus' words are for _____ and _____.
John 6:35; Isa. 55

Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot - we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

What stood out most in the message to you regarding something that you learned, challenged you, or that you disagreed with? And, in what ways can you see these truths being lived out in your relationships and life this week?

Reread John 6:14-15 and consider the crowd's intent and that Jesus knew. What kind of king do you think they wanted Jesus to be? What expectations might we still place on Jesus today (even forcefully) that are not of him?

The crowd wanted more, but Jesus wanted more for them. Share a story from your life that reminds you of something you believed God wanted for you and yet you didn't ultimately get. What happens when we mistake getting a particular outcome for the ongoing process of knowing and being known by Jesus (i.e., having him as the Bread of life)?

Read John 6:60-66 and imagine the disappointment in all directions. Describe different times in your life when you've experienced similar thoughts or feelings.

Sometimes we need reminders that we're holding on to feelings of disappointment or resentment that are holding us back from the “now and new” that Jesus wants us to experience. Did the video of Cashew nudge you in a certain way? If so, how and why?

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