

John 6 – Jewish Saviour

These are the leaders notes from the Kielder Bible Study Group for the meeting that was held on 23th October 2012

Recap

Some key points form chapter 5 :-

- The miraculous healing of the man at the pool
- The hard hearted Jews who were more concerned with Sabbath-keeping than this healing
- Jesus speaks about his relationship with his Father
- Speaks of the witnesses to him i.e. John the Baptist, his own works, His Father in heaven, the Scriptures
- Challenges the Jews over their unbelief and others as they cannot see God as the Father
- It all points to who Jesus was..

John 6

John 6 1-15 feeding of 5000

v1-4 & v5-7 &

v8-11

Q How do we contrast Philips and Andrews response to the problem? – A Philip focuses on the magnitude of the problem, Andrew focuses on the lack of resources

v12-15

Q Why did Jesus do what he did (go into the Mountains) ? A The people were going to make him their King – ruler on Earth & hope that he would overthrow the Romans.

12 Baskets – representative of the 12 tribes of Israel

5000 men => 20,000 in total

The Jews were preoccupied with the here and now and were not looking towards the future

John 6 16 -24 - The 3 D Miracles, (miracles of different dimensions, gravity, distance and space and time)

v16-21

Q Can we spot the 3 D miracles ?

- Distance – in v 15 it says that Jesus had walked up a mountain, the disciples were 3.5 miles away across the sea and it was dark, yet Jesus could see them
- Gravity – Jesus walking on water
- Space and Time v21 – immediately the boat was on the shore.

v22-24

Q So what has happened to the crowd? A Confusion & Disorder

Q Why are they chasing after Jesus A looking for physical food as much as spiritual food.

John 6 25-40 Jesus the bread of life.

v25-27 & v28-31

Q Why does v28 show that the Jews had completely missed the point? A They did not realise that Eternal Life is a gift from God – not something earned, through brownie points.

Q What were the Jews looking for? A A Miraculous sign so that they would believe in Jesus

v32-34 & v35-40

Q What does Jesus say his purpose is? A Doing his fathers will?

Jesus describes himself in 4 different ways to the disciples

1. the Son of Man v27
2. the one God has sent v29
3. the bread of life v35
4. the one come down from Heaven v38

John 6 41-59 Feeding on Jesus

v41-42 & v43-51

Q Why were the Jews grumbling amongst themselves? A Jesus said he came from heaven yet the Jews knew he seemed to have 2 earthly parents. They could not reconcile this dilemma.

v52-59

In the physical world - the food we eat becomes part of us – In the spiritual world the same applies with spiritual food – it effect our souls

John 6 60-71 Reasons for rejection

v60-65

Q Why were the disciples grumbling about what Jesus Said?

Q What is v 65 saying about evangelism?

v66-71

Q What does Peter say to Jesus?

Started chapter with many thousands following Jesus ends up with just a few.

Recap

Some key points from the chapter :-

- Jesus miraculously feeding the crowd of 5,000
- the people wanting to make Jesus king
- Jesus coming to his disciples on the lake
- Jesus teaching:
 - that real food is to do God's will
 - that He is the bread of life
 - that we need to take Him into our lives
- many of his disciples leaving him
- Peter declaring Jesus only has eternal life.

It shows Jesus as the one who has power over the natural world to change and use it as He wills. and it shows Jesus as the one who claims to be the very source of daily life, without whom death must come.