



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Learner's test of trust of Jesus' divinity (Part 1)

Session Number: 18 | Week: 3 | Day: 6

Bible Passage

John 6: 1-15

Introduction

In this session John 6: 1-15 we see that people followed Jesus for different reasons. Both non believers and young believers followed Jesus primarily for what he did (his hand) but not who he is. (His heart). Jesus would always test his followers for their trust, later He also would test His disciples in four possible areas, their enemies issues, the crowds issues, inner circle's issues and their own issues. In this session, Jesus began by testing his disciples why they followed Him, or why they trusted Him. He also tested them on the crowds food issues. Somebody said, life is a test, a trust and a temporary assignment.

Session Objectives

By the end of this session the learner will have:

- Identified possible reasons believers and non believers followed Jesus by looking at the verses provided.
- Evaluated how Jesus' followers respond when tested on crowd's food issues.
- Appreciated that our help comes from God alone who created heaven and the earth not our own efforts neither from other people or from dark world.

Session Outline

- Why people follow Jesus
- Our help comes from the Lord alone
- Test of trust, on feeding
- Management lessons on the event of feeding the 5000

Connecting

- Study together in a group of two or more people.
- Begin with a prayer, asking God to bless your understanding.
- Read the passage at least twice using different Bible versions, then retell the story among your group members.
- Share the challenges and blessings from the previous day.

Comprehending

- What is a test of trust? Why does Jesus test his disciples? How does Jesus test His disciples? when and where does Jesus test his disciples.
- Read John 6:1-2, 14-15. Identify why large crowds followed Jesus?
- Read John 6: 5-9. Propose four areas where our help might come from? How did Jesus test Philip concerning bread? What was Philip's and Andrew's answer?
- Read John 6: 10-15. What was Jesus' answer to that question? List at least 5 management lessons Jesus taught His disciples and the crowds and ourselves?

Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you learnt as an agent of change that you would practice and teach others about
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ now.
- Engage SPACEPETS model, to do something after the session. Look for:
 - **Sin** to confess
 - **Promise** to claim
 - **Attitude** to change
 - **Command** to keep
 - **Error** to change
 - **Prayer** to make
 - **Example** to copy
 - **Truth** to obey and
 - **Something** praiseworthy

Communicating

- Identify one person and share the lessons you learnt in this session?
- Visit or call a new believer and Pray with them over the issues they are struggling with. Issue of attending the church.
- Form another group and repeat this study.