

Small Beginning Big Finale

Behold and Become Series

Dealing with Life's Issues

Big problems-Solutions

- Sick-Seek a doctor
- Groceries-Get money and shop
- Rough times-Try harder
- Travel problems-Wait or go another way

The Plan is Good for ME

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT2)

God's Plan Requires Relationship

“In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.” Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NLT2)

The Circus Crowd Follows Jesus

After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. John 6:1-2 (NLT2)

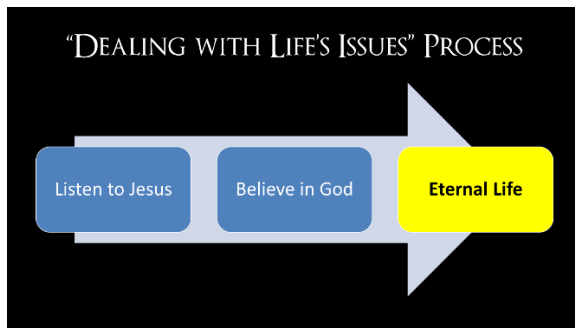
Hungry Crowd and Jesus' Concern

Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?” John 6:5 (NLT2)

Philip's Wrong Answer

Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!" John 6:7 (NLT2)

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Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?"

"Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered 5,000.) Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. John 6:8-11 (NLT2)

The Lesson for the Twelve

After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves. John 6:12-13 (NLT2)

Foolishness of the Well-fed Crowd

When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!" When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself. John 6:14-15 (NLT2)

Boat Trip to Capernaum

That evening Jesus' disciples went down to the shore to wait for him. But as darkness fell and Jesus still hadn't come back, they got into the boat and headed across the lake toward Capernaum. John 6:16-17 (NLT2)

Rough Times

Soon a gale swept down upon them, and the sea grew very rough.
John 6:18 (NLT2)

Practical Solution: Row Harder

They had rowed three or four miles when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified, but he called out to them, "Don't be afraid. I am here!" John 6:19-20 (NLT2)

Spiritual Solution: Let Jesus In

Then they were eager to let him in the boat, and immediately they arrived at their destination! John 6:21 (NLT2)

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- Groceries- Rely on Jesus, then follow instructions
- Rough times- Let Jesus In
- Travel problems- Give Jesus the Wheel

Lessons

- Jesus can provide and doesn't explain how
- Jesus ministers to a crowd but doesn't make the crowd his ministry
- Jesus can show up anywhere in a rough situation and may not explain how he will help
- Jesus is demonstrating eternal life