



Will You Walk With Jesus Or Walk Away

John 6:16-71

One Couldn't Help But Ask

- What can we make of this boat trip across the lake known for its ability to turn rough and windy? Why would Jesus set them out on this voyage knowing they would fail and knowing that He would have to finish the work of getting them to the other side? Is there something here we can apply this to our lives?
- Why is there constant verbal jousting between Jesus and those following Him? They are amazed by everything they see him do but can never grasp what he tells them regarding its meaning, so they always have more questions and the answers, for them, are never direct.
- They finally ask, what do we do to do God's work so we can get the free bread we want? Do they want more, less or something different than what He is offering?
- Since they don't seem to understand Him, why doesn't Jesus just change His way of explaining things to them, so they do?
- If understanding Jesus' ways and His plan is not necessary for us to believe and trust in Him, is His message one of, "Just accept me and believe." Stop trying to challenge everything for your own satisfaction? Why should we just trust and obey?
- Why so many questions of a God whose powers and history we are incapable of understanding?

The Take Aways

- Neither the Father nor His Son wish us to be engaged in the Father's work and have it be in vain. We may not understand the role Jesus selects for us in the Father's perfect plan, but it will be His choice, not ours. Our obedience to His will is what we owe to Jesus for His obedience to His Father's will on our behalf. If the Father gave His Son for us and the Son gave His life for us, then would not our trust and belief be the least we could offer in return?
- Jesus will not force His way into our lives. Despite all He has done for us and the overwhelming debt we owe Him, He wants to be invited as a welcomed guest not a persona non grata.
- The people who were previously miraculously fed came to Capernaum by foot or boat to find Jesus. They begin to question Him about His move to the new location. But Jesus doesn't

answer their question. Instead, He tells them why they came, i.e., to seek more free food. We may learn more from our questions of Jesus than from His answer to the question. It is God's will, not ours that should be done. If we trust & obey, the answer will become clear.

- Each time the people, and we, ask Jesus what we should do, He points them and us in the direction of trust. Works that please Jesus and the Father, are those based on our trust and belief in Jesus, the Father's Son not in our ability to perform the task.

An invitation to join us

This study guide is provided in the hope that others will be moved to consider the sermon, let their mind wander to questions it might raise and thoughts they wish to remember and apply to their personal life. If anyone reading the guide cares to ask a question or share their thoughts regarding the subject, please e-mail the authors at mensbreakfast@therivercolorado.org . If you would like to participate in the building of the study guide, please let us know and we'll make provisions to have you join us via phone and/or Zoom