

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

What do you need? – John 6

1. What do you 'need' in order to survive? Do you need anything beyond those things?

Read John 6:1-21

2. Are you surprised that Jesus is able to perform these two miracles? Why/Why not?
3. What do the two miracles have in common? Why does Jesus perform them?

Read John 6:22-35

4. Why does Jesus think the crowd is working so hard to follow him? (v25-27)
5. What do people these days want *from* God? What do you want from God? Are these reasonable requests?
6. Why does it bother Jesus that people are so interested in free bread and witnessing some miracles? Aren't both pretty good things?
7. In v30-31 the crowd asks Jesus for a sign and reminds him of some history, in v32-33 Jesus responds and corrects them. In how many different ways does Jesus correct their thinking here? (whether they know it or not)
8. In v35 Jesus refers to himself as 'the bread of life', how is this different to what the people understand of him? What exactly does Jesus mean?

Read John 6:36-59

9. Why do the Jews begin to grumble at this point? What does this grumbling remind you of? Are there any similarities between this situation and Israel's situation after the exodus?
10. Can you think of a time when you have wanted something so desperately from God that it seemed that Jesus himself wasn't enough?
11. Why does Jesus go so strong on the idea of eating his flesh and drinking his blood? Couldn't this have been confusing for people?
12. What would it look like in a person's life if they truly believed that Jesus was the bread of life?
13. What do you need?