Gospel John Bible Study #17

John 6:1-15 Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

1. Why did a great crowd follow Jesus?

-people were disappointed by leaders

-ex. Americans are disappointed by politicians.

1. Where did Jesus meet the crowd?

-a mountainside

1. What did Jesus have in his mind?

-He is going to feed them

1. What did Jesus ask Philip?

-v.5 Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?

Why did Jesus ask?

-v.6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind when he was going to do

1. What is your answer to solve the hunger problem of 5,000 people in front of you?

-5000 + a people

-what is our solution

1. What did Philip answer?

-v.7 It would take more than half a year’s wages. About 8 months wage

-He counted number of people

-He calculated cost

-200 denary: 1 denary is a wage of one day.

-about $100,000

What is Philip’s way of approaching the problem?

-feasible, practical, financial and rational way

1. What did Andrew answer?

-v.9 Here is a boy with five small fish, but how far will they go among so many

How much money of food did Andrew have?

-no money nor food

Why didn’t he give up when he had neither food nor money?

-Andrew is a man of heart

What is Andrew’s way of approaching the problem?

-He saw miracles of Jesus

-He believed that Jesus is almighty

How did he find food?

-He was active with people

-He was going around

What did he do when he found a boy with 5 small barley loaves and 2 small fish?

-He brought it to Jesus

-Andrew persuaded the little boy

-It wasn’t automatic process

1. To whom did Jesus choose? To Philip or to Andrew?

-Andrew

1. What did Jesus command the disciples to do?

-Have the people sit down

In what environment does Jesus work?

-obedience: people obeyed and Jesus worked

1. What did Jesus do with the five loaves and two fishes?

-v.11 Jesus then took the loaves gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted

How long or how much was the bread and the fish multiplied?

-more than 5000 times

How much leftover did the disciples pick?

-12 baskets

1. What was Jesus’ answer to solve the hunger of the 5,000 men?

-send them away

-no money

-small food

-What I have + God’s power

-What I have is what all I have and Jesus added God’s power

1. Where in the Bible also are recorded about multiplying foods

-1 King 17:12-16 This is all food what I have. A little olive oil in a jug and a handful of flour in a jar

1. What are the similarities and the differences between Andrew action and positivism?

-Positivism: can do, what we have, not to Jesus, no faith in Jesus, I do

-Andrew action: can do, what we have, to Jesus, faith in Jesus, Jesus does

1. Why don’t we experience such a power in our life of faith?

-Why Christians life is not like Andrew.

-Money is not matter to Jesus.

-When we concern the money, church can’t do salvation work.

-We have to switch from financial view to Andrew’s way.

-Jesus works with what we all have.

-Jesus wants 100% from us.

-No holding back and no divided heart