

Preparation Questions John 6.1-40
True rescue

Opener: What do we want Jesus to do for us? (If we pray, what do we pray for?)

Recap: What questions are we left with after John 5, particularly after 5.21-22, 39, 45-47? How does chapter 6 address these questions?

Text 1: What do the two miracles (signs) in v1-21 prove to us about Jesus?

Old Testament sharpener: What references are there in the passage to the time when Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt (in particular v4, 11, 14, 19-20)? How do these references (plus Deuteronomy 18:15-22 & Isaiah 11:15-16) help us see what these signs are telling us about Jesus' mission on earth?

Text 2: What are the big dangers Jesus' followers might fall into in the way they understand what Jesus has come to do, particularly according to - v2, 14-15, 26 & 27-31?

Text 3: How does the exchange between Jesus and the crowd in v25-40 expose their wrong motives and misunderstanding about the type of rescue the Messiah has come to bring?

Sum up: Fill in the table to sum up what we've seen in 6v1-40 about the people's expectations of rescue and rescuer and the true rescue that Jesus brings.

The rescue the crowd want (hint - v15, 26, 28)	The true rescue Jesus brings (hint – Father's work – v27-29 Father's gift – v32-33 Father's will – v38-40)

Ones to chew on: In what ways do Christians and people generally expect an earthly, materialistic rescue today instead of a spiritual one concerned with the future? How are Jesus' words a challenge for us personally, ie how do we sometimes risk labouring for "the food that perishes"?