



Discussion Questions

John 6:1-21 *Feeding the Five Thousand*

Pastor Rachel enters into the story by imagining it is a play, and we are the audience at the theater. As an audience member, as you take in these scenes, with which character do you most identify? Which moments seem to grab your attention?

In John's gospel, there is no Last Supper, so Jesus' feeding of the multitudes becomes the Eucharist. Why might this gospel writer tell the story this way? How does this change the meaning for you, or does it?

In John 6:1-14, the story is told in such a way to emphasize abundance. After so many have eaten and been satisfied, there are still leftovers. What do you think became of those leftovers? What lesson is here for us?

A *theophany* is a "God moment," referring to those times when God has been present for us in our ordinary lives, making them anything but ordinary. Have you ever experienced a theophany? What can you share about it?

