



CENTREVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020
WEEK 4: HARD PASS

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⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

John 6:5-15

PASSAGE: **JOHN 6:1-71**

PLOW THROUGH IT:

VERSES 1-4 -

VERSES 5-15 -

VERSES 24-31 -

VERSES 60-69 -

PICTURE A PARABLE:

WORD STUDY

"by force" (v. 15): **ἁρπάζω** (harpazō) to seize upon, snatch away, carry off, spoken of beasts of prey.

*Then the wolf **attacks** the flock and scatters it.* John 10:12

PASTOR'S POINTS:

1. We can easily become more enamored with the _____ of God rather than the _____.

2. Jesus had _____ in politics during his earthly ministry.

3. Are we willing to follow Jesus even though he doesn't always _____?

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PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Give God what you _____, and trust Him with the _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- *The first-century Jews had very specific expectations for their Messiah, that he would be a political and military ruler. Growing up, what were your expectations of who God was and what He was supposed to do for you? Have those changed at all over the years and why?*
- *Read John 6:30-31. Why is it so easy for us to get focused on the gifts of God (what He does for us) rather than on God Himself? How many people walk away because God doesn't give them what they expect?*
- *Read John 6:66-69 and try to put yourself in the position of the Twelve. How would you answer Jesus? Why do you follow him today?*