**Discussion Questions**

1. Why were the people following Jesus? *They had seen the signs of Jesus healing people and the miracles he did*
2. What does this show about them? *They wanted a part of the miracles for their own*
3. Why did Jesus want to feed the people? Why not just let them prepare their own food? *It was the Passover and they had not brought anything with them*
4. How can those of us doing ministry follow this/these principles? *Care for them spiritual as well as physically as much as possible*
5. What is the point of Jesus testing Phillip (or anyone)? *Seeing how much they believed in Jesus*
6. Didn’t Jesus already know how Phillip would respond? *Yes*
7. Why would Andrew tell Jesus about the five bread and two fish when he knew that was so little? *That was all they had, or so they thought, they only had a little money*
8. In giving his bread to them, what qualities did the lad show? *Belief*
9. What can we learn from his involvement and from Christ used him? *Even if you can not see believe in Him*
10. What is the significance that people ate “as much as they wanted”? *Show how much Jesus provided for the hungry*
11. Since Jesus could just create more food at any time why did they need to pick up and save the leftovers? *He was showing he would provide in abundance to those who believe*
12. Is there any significance that there were twelve baskets left? If so, what can we learn from this? *It was showing how Jesus would supply needs*
13. Why did the people think Jesus was the Prophet? What is the problem with this? *He provided food in a way like God had for the Jews during the exodus, they thought he should have been able to do more*
14. Why should we be careful to believe just because of signs or emotional high events? *Even Satan can produce miracles*
15. In what way is it ironic that they believed Jesus was the Prophet yet planned to do something to Him by force? What does this show about their understanding of what the Prophet/Messiah was? *They would try and force Him to become their king, but He had rejected their View of him*
16. Why didn’t Jesus let them make Him king? Why did the people want to make Jesus king? *I believe it wasn’t his time yet; they wanted a ruler not a savior*
17. Are signs bad? *No, but the must be interpreted correctly*
18. Why were they frightened when they saw Jesus? *The Disciples thought they were seeing a ghost*
19. What miracle occurred in verse 21? *When they did allow him into the boat they were immediately at the shore*
20. What do this miracles show us about Jesus’ character? *He cares for us and will probide what we need*
21. What do the people’s responses to these miracles show about their character? *They were not believers but wanted miracles performed for themselves*