



JESUS

I AM the life





# Our Needs

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<sup>1</sup> After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias).



## John 6:2 (NASB)

<sup>2</sup> A large crowd followed Him,  
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He was performing on those  
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## John 6:3-4 (NASB)

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples.

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<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.



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Opening Ceremony in Brisbane, Australia 2005 - Michael Henderson, Photographer

# Questions

1. How do you usually respond to an “impossible” situation?
2. How would you characterize Philip and Andrew's responses to the problem of feeding this enormous crowd (Jn 6:5-9)?  
Do you see needs more as problems or more as possibilities?
3. Who are you most like in this story? Philip? Andrew? The boy? The People? Disciples? Jesus? Why?
4. What insights does this passage give you into how Jesus may be at work in the difficult situations of your life?
5. What needs in your life do you work hardest at meeting?



## Questions (continued)

6. How do you withdraw to be alone with the Lord in times of great need in a wilderness?
7. Are you bringing all your needs and all you have to Jesus?  
To use for His service? Regardless of the cost to you?
8. Recall an “impossible” situation that God delivered and provided in as He demonstrated His power and presence and share it with the group.  
How did that experience strengthen your faith?
9. How do your most pressing needs reveal both who you are and who Jesus is to you?