

A Christian's Labor

John 6:15-29

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I. The One who creates the storm can calm the storm. *John 6:15-21*

The crowd was concerned with things of the _____ and defeating the Roman oppression, but Jesus came to save them from the sin, and they just didn't get it.

- It is _____ during the quiet times when we are alone with the Lord that He reveals His will and plan to us.

Sometimes we create the storms found in our lives, by our own failures and sins; yet the Lord can still _____ those storms when we repent and call on Him to save us.

II. Don't work for things that won't last. *John 6:22-27*

In **vs. 26**: Jesus penetrates their _____ to reveal their true motives!

"You seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled."

- Jesus was calling people to a _____ commitment which required a sacrifice. He was calling them from impure motives to pure motives.

The most important thing in this world is having a _____ with Jesus Christ, by the free gift of eternal life which comes through faith.

III. Give me the "I must do" list. *John 6:28*

It is very typical for our flesh to want to fix the issues of life through our own _____.

- Receiving Eternal Life is not something you can work towards; the only way to receive Eternal Life is to admit you are empty and have _____ to offer.

IV. You must be "All in". *John 6:29*

We need to recognize that every true believer has been set apart by God and _____ God.

- If you are exercising your spiritual gifts, you are playing a significant role in the body of Christ by doing that which has _____ value.

V. Practical Application.

Stop striving and _____ in the Love of Christ!

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. *Why did the crowd continue to pursue Jesus in **verses 24-26**? What does **vs. 26** reveal about their hearts?*
2. *Read **Matthew 14:9-14**. How would you describe Jesus' emotions and thoughts coming into this story? What were His reasons for getting away? Did He get what He wanted? Why? Why does Jesus withdraw from the scene after feeding the multitude?*
3. *How does Jesus' response in **verses 26-27** contrast the difference between the interest of the crowds and Jesus?*
4. *Think about a time when you or someone you know faced an "impossible" situation. How did God reveal Himself and demonstrate His power?*
5. *Have you faced difficulties since then when you failed to recall God's provision in the past?*
6. *Why is following Christ considered a personal sacrifice if Salvation is a free gift?
Ephesians 2:8-10, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Romans 12:1-2*
7. *Does your agenda 'line-up' with the agenda of Jesus right now or do you already have the game plan written for Him?*
8. *When you are exhausted or spent emotionally do you remain vigilant for opportunities to minister to others, or do you withdraw and focus only on your own needs?*
9. *Discuss the Practical Applications from this sermon.*

(Some questions adapted from Rio Vista Church notes)