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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) If you could have been present for one miracle performed by Jesus, which one would you choose, and why?
- 2) What do you think people today most want Jesus to do for them? How might their expectations shape the way they understand him?

Read John 6:1, 11-15

- 3) Jesus crosses the Sea of Galilee to find a place to rest, but the crowds follow him. What does this detail reveal about the demands of Jesus' ministry and his response to people in need?
- 4) What problems do you think the crowd believed that a king with Jesus' power could solve?
- 5) Why does Jesus withdraw to the mountain rather than accept the crowd's offer of kingship? What does his response reveal about his understanding of his mission?
- 6) When are we most tempted to shape Jesus around our own expectations rather than allow him to reshape our expectations?
- 7) The early church bore witness to Jesus as Lord, even when that confession carried a personal cost. What might faithful witness look like for Christians who feel pressure to compromise their convictions to gain acceptance or influence?
- 8) What would change in your life if you took seriously the confession that Jesus is already King and that your calling is to follow him rather than try to establish his reign through your own power?