

Proving Ground – Part 1: Questions Waiting Sunday, July 25, 2021

The proving ground is a place of testing – and most tests include at least one question that needs to be answered. When a crowd gathered around Jesus, he asked one of his followers a great question, the answer to which would reveal what was believed and how life would be approached. The question Jesus asked connects to each of our stories and what we believe and how we will approach life.

Read John 6:1-15

- Why might Jesus have traveled across the Sea of Galilee?
- Why might the crowd have gathered and followed Jesus across the Sea of Galilee?
- Why might Jesus have used this question to test Philip? What might he have been testing?
- What does Philip's response reveal or say about his perspective?
- Why do you think Andrew went among the crowd to see what was available? What does his response to what's available reveal or say about his perspective?
- What is the significance in the loaves and fish being simple, ordinary provisions of life in the ancient world? Why do you think we are often dismissive of the simple, ordinary things we have?
- What are some things God has given you that he might want to use to make a difference in the world around you?
- What is the significance that everyone in the crowd ate as much as they wanted?
- What do the twelve baskets full of leftovers communicate about Jesus' ability to provide from a little?
- What next step will you take to move ask and answer, "what will I do with what I have" and "what can Jesus do with what I have"?

Every Proving Ground Has a Question Waiting To Be Answered