



Recruiting Jesus

JOHN 6:1-15

"Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself." (John 6:15, ESV)

Jesus cannot be recruited to serve our agendas. True faith surrenders to his authority, his mission, and his way.

Review the Sermon

Read John 6:1-15.

What does it mean to "recruit Jesus"? What are some ways people attempt this?

What's the difference between realized (felt) needs and critical needs?

How does the Passover provide insight into what Jesus came to accomplish and provide, in contrast to what the people wanted him to do?

Assess your Life

What is something you currently want Jesus to change or fix for you?

In the situation you provided, what would be the difference between surrendering the need to Jesus and recruiting him to fix it the way you would prefer?



What areas of your life are you tempted to question God's power because you can't see him working? How might he be working in ways you have not noticed?

Apply the Truth

What is one personal agenda item you need to surrender to Jesus rather than recruiting his blessing in it? What step can you take toward surrender?

How can you identify the deeper spiritual needs that may lie behind your felt needs?

What is one way this week you could influence the culture around you by your Christian witness?

Commit this Week

This week I will trust the power and authority of Christ even when I can't see him working in my circumstances or in specific areas of society.

"When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, 'This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!'" (John 6:14, ESV)