

Communion Meditation

John 6.14-15,25-27

"Feeding the Hungry"

November 24th, 2019

Feeding the Hungry

- People came seeking spiritual food / But real food also was needed
- Jesus had compassion on people and chose to feed them bread and fish
- 5,000 men were fed at that meal in addition to women and children

Hunger, Homelessness, and Education

- Chik-Fil-A recently said going forward they'd focus on these 3 charities
 - These are the "motherhood and apple pie" of modern charities
 - They'd supported Salvation Army and Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- These 3 charities deemed politically acceptable – SA may be okay
 - More overtly Christian orgs – such as FCA – may fall by wayside

"Who are the Hungry Jesus Fed?"

- "Did His disciples deliver food to homes?"
- "Did His disciples hand out meal cards?"
- Jesus healed people who sought Him out / taught people .. fed people ..
- To be aided by Jesus you had to be actively seeking Him
- Chik-Fil-A has no similar req't

Jesus Rejects Their Support

- v15 ~ "they were about to come .. to make Him king"
 - Many of these people had come out of curiosity – with a spiritual hunger
 - But amazement at free food drove spiritual thoughts from their minds
- v26 ~ "you seek Me .. because you ate of the loaves and were filled"
 - Jesus knew their hearts – He knew what motivated them – "free food"
- v66 ~ "many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more"
 - Jesus drove freeloaders away with metaphor of flesh and blood

We are creatures with material & spiritual needs

Yet God commands us to live in the Spirit – to feed our spiritual hunger first

Many say "breakfast is the most important meal of the day"

That may be – But "this is the most important meal of your week"