

BIG ENOUGH: God Can Use You To Do Big Things (John 6:1-14)

Introduction.

Recently, I heard Dr. Sonny Tucker, Director of the Arkansas State Baptist Convention poses the question, “What would it take for God to use you to do unbelievably big stuff – to have an impact on people and touch a lot of lives.”

There are four reasons why folks don’t get involved their church . . .

- 1) Their church embarrasses them.
- 2) People are not trained
- 3) Generally uncommitted
- 4) Don’t think that God can use them.

In our text, God administered two tests. The first was for the disciples. The second was for a boy with a sack lunch. For both of these, God wanted to teach them about their potential effectiveness, if they would simply trust Him.

BIG IDEA: If God can use a ragtag group of men to radically impact the world, he can use you to do the same.

Contextualize this sermon in the series.

Contextualize John 6:1-14.

I. God Wants to Use This Church To Do Big Things (6:1-9)

Principle: *Little is much when surrendered to God.*

A) The Challenge (6:5-6)

B) Their Choices

- 1) Send the crowd away hungry (Matthew 14)
- 2) Use the resources available
- 3) See what Jesus could do.

Note: Churches that are really doing things for God struggle – finances, space, workers, messy situations.

C) The Result

God could have fed the crowd without the disciples, but chose to use them in the process.

Illustration: God has put on your pastor's heart to birth a church.

Application: God wants to use this congregation to have a dramatic impact on this world for the Kingdom's sake.

II. God Wants To Use You To Change Your World (John 6:9-13)

Principle: God uses the ordinary to do extraordinary in order to change the world.

A) The lad's resources

B) The lad's willingness

C) The lad's delight

Note: The people God uses most often are people have average (or below) talent and a profound awareness of their weaknesses or flaws.

Illustration: God has always used people with problems for His kingdom sake.

Noah was a drunk.
Abraham was old.
Isaac was a daydreamer.
Jacob had a dysfunctional family.
Joseph was an excon.
Moses was a shepherd.
Rahab was a prostitute
Gideon was a farmer.
Samson had long hair and was a womanizer
Jephtah was the son of a prostitute.
Naomi was a widow
Esther was a slave.
Elijah had suicidal thoughts
Job went bankrupt.
Jonah ran from God
John ate bugs
Mary (Jesus mother) was an unwed mother.
Matthew worked for the IRS
Zaccheus was short
Peter was a fisherman
Timothy had an ulcer

Application: What is it that God is calling you to do today?

Conclusion.

God will use people that desperately depend on Him!
For salvation.
For service.