









FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
16	1	1	FAITH	GOSPEL OF ST JOHN	70: Feeding of the 5,000

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this: ☒] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: Trisagion Prayers

Starter: Buzz answers around the group "What should we thank God for?" (On the basis that Eucharist = to give thanks).

Learning objectives:

1. To understand the Eucharistic teaching extrapolated by Christ from the miracle.
2. To understands the Old Testament typology of bread / manna as appropriated in this event.

Core Activities and Learning

1. Read the extracts from John 6 (see worksheet) and make sure that the students have grasped and understood the details of the story as an historical event (John 6:1-14).
2. In verses 32-59, concentrate on those verses in the dark red font. Re-read these.
3. In the Old Testament in their desert wanderings, the People of Israel made complaint to Moses and in answer the Lord provided "manna" for them to eat (Exodus 16:1-36) – something flaky and resembling bread which fell on the camp. Christ in the Johannine verses insists that this "manna" – this bread from heaven- was given by His Father to the people.

What connection does He describe between this event and his own coming? Why is eating and drinking used as an (apparent) metaphor.
4. Can we actually feed on Christ? What is happening in Holy Communion within the Divine Liturgy / Eucharist?
5. Christ now moves in His teaching from eating bread to His flesh and from drinking (wine) to His blood. Clearly, this is a reference to the Eucharist. However, the Last Supper had not happened yet? Why did Jesus raise this matter then?
6. Jesus links the reception of Holy Communion to eternal life (now) and resurrection (at the last day). How does that work in receiving Holy Communion do you think?
7. The miracle and the meaning go together, yet the meaning (as often is the case in the gospels) is only shared with some. Why is that do you think?

Resources: Worksheet, pens

Review: Receiving Holy Communion during Divine Liturgy is a vital part of our Christian life. We should receive Holy Communion regularly having duly preparing ourselves.

Follow Up: How might this session be challenging my understanding of growing as an active communicant member of the Church?