Signs: Beauty of the Infinite

June 23, 2013

Welcome

1) When in your life were you the hungriest? Why were you so hungry? What did you finally get to eat?

Word

Read John 6:1-15

1) Why do you think the crowd was following Jesus? Is this a legitimate reason for following him these days?
2) Why was Jesus testing Philip? What did he want to reveal to Philip?
3) What is significant about there being *twelve* baskets of food left over? What does the number twelve cause us to turn our attention to?
4) How does this sign of feeding the 5,000 point to the "beauty of the infinite"? What does the incarnation have to do with revealing this beauty?
5) How does seeing the world as "zero-based" and closed to the infinite create anxiety and fighting over things? How does Jesus set us free from that anxiety?
6) If we remain dominated by a paradigm of scarcity, why is force the inevitable result?
7) Why did the crowd want to make Jesus king by force?
8) In what ways does King Jesus and the kingdom of God avoid force and coercion?

Work

1) How can you spend time this week reflecting on the beauty of the infinite being poured into the finite through the incarnation?
2) Which spiritual disciples do you struggle with the most? Prayer? Scripture reading? Silence & solitude? Fasting? Journaling? Meditation?
3) Which spiritual discipline do you need to focus on this week in an attempt to strengthen your connection with Christ?

Worship

1) Psalm for the Day - Sun: 24 / Mon: 25 / Tue: 26 / Wed: 27 / Thu: 28 / Fri: 29 / Sat: 30
2) Pray for one another