



Session One: The Crown He Refused to Wear (John 6:14-29)

GETTING STARTED:

Can you recall and share a time when you discovered you had formed a wrong first impression of someone? Or when someone formed a wrong first impression of you?

Why do you think it is so easy for a first impression to be wrong?

What part do preconceived expectations factor into this?

OBSERVATION:

Review the story of the feeding of the 5000 in John 6:1-13

Imagine how this event set up the expectation that Jesus would be King

Why does Jesus reject this demand and get away from the crowd? (vs. 14-15)

What is Jesus really focused on? (see vs. 26-27)

DISCUSSION:

If Jesus is focused more on our eternal needs than just our current needs, what does that say about what our focus should be?

What factors get in the way of our focus and lead to improper expectations about the ministry of Christ?

Can you think of some strategies that may be a help in keeping proper expectations about Jesus' ministry in our lives?