



Sermon Discussion Questions

GIFT: Jesus Through John

John 6: The Bread of Life

INTRODUCE IT

In this series, we are exploring the concept of God's greatest gift to us. When He came to earth as Jesus Christ and lived among us, God made the ultimate sacrifice so that we might know Him. But what does He want us to know about who He is and what life with Jesus offers us? By looking at different events in the Gospel of John, we seek to learn more about the nature of God's love for us and the incredible Gift we have been given.

To start this week's discussion, share with the group if you ever had a time when you have either given or received bread as a gift. Who gave it to you or to whom did you give it? What was your relationship with them? Was it well received?

STUDY THE PASSAGE

Read John 6: 1-15 and 24-59

In John 6:1-15, What is the reaction of the crowd when they realize the miracle that has taken place when Jesus feeds them all? How do you imagine you would have reacted, given that no one yet understood fully who Jesus was?

When the people find Jesus again in v. 25-31, what does Jesus give as the reason they are searching for him? What are the people seeking from Him?

Why do the people seek another sign? What role does the story of Moses feeding the Israelites in the wilderness have to do with this?

Jesus promises bread from heaven, which is the Bread of Life. List all the things that Jesus tells the people about the Bread of Life.

The crowd claims to want this bread always, but what is their response to Jesus' claim that he is the bread of life?

John contrasts Jesus, the bread of life, with the bread, or manna, that the Jews mistakenly sought. What are some types of bread that we seek today rather than the bread of life?

In v.53-59, Jesus turns up the heat. He tells the crowd that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood. What must the people listening have thought when they heard this? What imagery does it call to mind for us today?

John's gospel has no Last Supper / Communion narrative as the other gospels do. Many scholars see this as John's symbolic version of that event, given the setting, the subject and that the time of the Passover was at hand. (v. 4) What implications does this text have for us as we celebrate communion, which we did this past weekend? How should we approach the Lord's table as we celebrate the gift we have been given

USE IT

In Pastor Mike's blog this week, he talks about the importance of sharing the Bread of Life with others. He encourages us to be "JUST ONE BEGGER SHOWING ANOTHER BEGGER WHERE TO FIND BREAD."

Who are you sharing the bread of life with right now? Who are you in relationship with who is seeking to satisfy their hunger with things of this world and who needs to hear about how to not be hungry again? Tell about someone you care about who needs to find this "Bread of Life."

During your prayer time, make sure to pray individually for these folks, asking for the Holy Spirit to speak to them and to open opportunities for you to show them where they can find the true bread.