



Small Group Discussion Questions

“Jesus, Bread of Life”

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Throughout the Gospels, the work and words of Jesus are closely connected. Last week in the feeding of the multitude, we saw Jesus demonstrate a miraculous sign. This week as our study of John 6 continues, Jesus is going to connect that “work” with some very important words.

Throughout this study, we’ll examine powerful truths that Jesus proclaims about himself. Each truth compels us to ask important questions of ourselves and our journey of faith.

Warm it Up

Share about a time when you heard someone make a big and bold claim about themselves. What did you think about the person when you heard them make the claim? Were they able to back it up? If they did, how did it affect your opinion of the person?

Talk it Over

Read John 6:25-34

1. Why do you think Jesus came right out and told the people that he thought they were more interested in bread than in signs? (verse 26) What does this tell you about Jesus confidence in his mission and his desire for the people?

2. The people ask about the works God requires (verse 28). Jesus condenses it down to one thing. What is it? What do verses 30-31 tell you about the crowds readiness to respond? Based on verses 32-34, how would you rate the progress of the crowd?

Jesus knows people...and the people have a faith that responds more willingly to his provision (bread) than to his Lordship (belief).

Read John 6:35-51

3. Jesus' bold declaration "I am the bread of life" connects the miracle of the loaves and fish, to the significance of his life purpose. Look for verses in this section that tell you about who Jesus is and what he will do. Make a list of the words or phrases.

4. Which claims do you think are hardest for the crowd to accept? Are there claims that are hard for you to accept? Understand? Talk about these with your group.

Read John 6:52-59

5. Why do you think Jesus used such stark and even disturbing words and images?

6. What does this section tell you about the connection between Jesus' death and eternal life?

7. How would you explain this to someone investigating the Christian faith?

Work it Through

8. How closely do you connect the life you enjoy with the faith you affirm? In other words, like Mark, is your faith more connected to Jesus' provisions than his Lordship? Talk about a time when things were not going well. How did it impact your faith?

9. Can you think of a time when your confidence/trust in Jesus was like a net for a trapeze artist? How did that confidence allow you to live bigger, love boldly or give generously?

Weekly Devotional

What was one daily devotional that helped you discover some new things about Jesus, about yourself, and inspired you to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ?

Pray it Through

In the sermon, we were challenged to live the life of Jesus by going deep in our love for Christ and wide in our love for the world. Share specific ways you'd like to do that this week. Pray for each other and encourage one another throughout the week.