Life Group / Reflection Questions

Read John 6:22-71

Context:

- What characters do we see in this text? What do we know about the crowds around Jesus? Where did they come from? (Read John 6:1-21)
- Jesus speaks of bread multiple times. What is the significance of bread to the crowds around Jesus? Does Jesus feeding of the 5000 remind the crowds of another miracle done by God in the Old Testament? Exodus 16
- Who was Moses to the people of Israel? Does Jesus remind the people of Moses? From Jesus' words does he make himself equal to or greater than Moses? How do you see the crowds respond to Jesus?

Intended Meaning of The Text:

- ➤ What is Jesus trying to teach the crowds in John 6:27-35? What does it mean that Jesus is the bread of life?
- Why did the crowds come to Jesus, what was their motivation? John 6:26
- ► How does Jesus say we are to come to him? John 6:35-40
- What are some of the reasons you come to Jesus? Do you have expectations you place on Jesus? Do you ever try do certain things so Jesus will do something for you?

Theological Implications:

- From this scripture, what do we learn about Jesus?
- From this scripture, what do we learn about ourselves? Who do you relate with the most in this passage?
- In this scripture where do we see the Gospel?

Application:

- ➤ How am I to relate to Jesus in light of this passage?
- What truths or promises can I claim in light of this passage?
- How am I responding to the Gospel (Trusting in Jesus to lead me into His kingdom life) to live out this passage? What will I do in response to what I have learned from God's word?



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"Is Jesus Enough?" Not a Fan ~ Week #6

ARE YOU A FAN OR A FOLLOWER?

FAN = An enthusiastic admirer

FOLLOWER = A disciple or apprentice

IS JESUS ENOUGH?

John 6:26-29 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

John 6:32-35, 41 "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst…. ⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

WHEN JESUS IS THE ONLY THING ON THE MENU, YOU DISCOVER IF HE'S THE ONE YOU ARE REALLY HUNGRY FOR!

John 6:66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him....

Matthew 7:13 (The Message) "Don't look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don't fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. The way to life—to God!—is vigorous and requires total attention.

John 6:67-69 So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

WHEN YOU REALLY KNOW JESUS AS <u>LORD</u>, YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE HIM

THE STRUGGLE: FOLLOWING JESUS IS A PATH OF FAITH, NOT A PATH OF CERTAINTY

John 6:40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Hebrews 11:6 ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

THE REWARD: IN FAITH WE CAN HAVE CERTAINTY WE WILL BE HIS FOREVER

John 6:37-39 ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

John 10: 27-30 ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

John 17:3 ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.