

THAT YOU MAY KNOW

The Bread of Life
John 6:22-40
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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." - John 6:35

I. WHEREFORE ART THOU?

- The next day, in our narrative, the crowd that had been miraculously fed by Jesus was found wondering where he had gone off to. One boat left from their location the day before, and Jesus had not been in it.
- Upon finding him back in Capernaum, the crowd enquires as to his mode of transportation. Jesus isn't interested in quenching their curiosity. He is rarely interested in quenching our curiosity (Vss. 25-26, Matthew 21:23-27; John 3:1-3).
- Jesus knows why they have sought him out. They want another free meal. What they need is food that leads to true life, which only "The Son of Man" can bring to them (Vs. 26).

II. WHAT MUST WE DO?

- The sign of the multiplication of loaves and fish is one of the public manifestations pointing to the reality that God the Father has set his "seal" upon the Son (Vs. 27; John 10:25, 10:37-38, 14:11).
- The people want to know how to please God. Is there a specific "work" necessary to accomplish this? (Vs. 28).
- The crowd now applies their misunderstanding of "works" to Jesus: "Then what sign do you do..?"
- Can Jesus be like Moses? He could multiply loaves once, but can he do it day after day?
- Like the woman at the well, they would like for Jesus to provide for them now everyday (Vs. 34 cf. John 4:15).

III. BREAD OF LIFE

- Jesus is the one who sustains life. Some will slake their hunger and thirst in him. Some will not (Vss. 35-36).
- All that God gives to Jesus will come. All who come are welcomed. None will be lost (Vss. 37-39).
- All who look to Jesus find eternal life. They will be "raised up" on the last day.

KNOW: Jesus sustains us. He is the only thing that can sustain us in life in any meaningful way. His sustaining power leads us to everlasting life.

DO: Believe in Jesus. Be raised up now and on the last day.

Suggested Reading:

Cold-Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels by J. Warner Wallace (LifePoint Library #131WAL)

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel (LifePoint Library #232STR)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 6:22-40

1. The crowd wants to be fed again. How does this relate to our own lives and our expectations for God?
2. Why doesn't Jesus just tell the people how and when he arrived back in Capernaum?
3. What is "the food that endures to eternal life?"
4. So, is Jesus greater than Moses? In what ways? Who is "the true bread from heaven?"
5. Read John 6:37. So, are we given to Jesus, or do we come to Jesus? (Don't get into an argument over this, it has baffled Christians for 2,000 years).
6. What is the will of the Father according to verse 40? Does this encourage you at all?
7. What application point(s) do you draw from this passage?