

John 6:16-71

Jesus' Big Statement: *"I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "No one who comes to me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty again."* (John 6:35)

The Human Condition:

- Seeking a connection with "the divine" (6:22-26)
- Striving for salvation, satisfaction, and security (6:27-28)
- Fickle (6:30-31; 60-66)

Jesus' Offer:

- Salvation (6:29, 40, 47)
 - Son of Man (6:26, cross reference Daniel 7:13-14)
 - The One on whom the Father has set His seal of approval (6:26)
 - It isn't the works that humanity needs to do, it is the WORK that God has done in Jesus.
 - The One worthy of belief (6:40, 47)
- Satisfaction (6:32-36)
- Security (6:37-40)

Barriers to Belief:

- Motivation (6:26-27)
- Misunderstanding the gospel & the role of good works (6:28)
- Making demands of Jesus (6:30-32)
- Misappropriating glory (6:30-32)
- Misrepresenting Jesus (6:41-42)
 - When we become too familiar with Jesus we lose perspective of His Divine nature
- Misunderstanding Jesus' teachings (6:52-58)
- Magnifying difficulty in understanding and minimizing belief/faith (6:60-66)

Questions for Reflection:

- Who do I believe Jesus is?
- What stands in the way of me finding salvation, satisfaction, and/or security in Him?
- What difficult teaching is Jesus calling me to obey right now? Am I resisting Him or choosing to walk in belief?
- Where do I see unbelief in my life currently?

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A Conversation of Eternal Consequences

Pray:

Lay down any distractions, control, fears, etc. that will keep you from fully engaging in your time together.

Looking Back:

As we approach Good Friday and Easter, what is God putting on your heart? How is He wanting you to approach Him with greater surrender?

Looking Up:

What stood out to you as helpful, challenging, or confusing about the sermon?

Read Exodus 16:1-16; Isaiah 55:1-2; and Daniel 7:13-14. How do these give greater understanding of what is happening in John 6:16-71? What connections do you see?

How do you see yourself in the crowd of people with whom Jesus interacted?

What currently stands in the way of you finding the kind of deep satisfaction and security that Jesus offers as the Bread of Life?

What difficult teaching is Jesus calling you to obey right now?

Pray:

Spend time praying for what God is surfacing in your heart through this discussion. Confess unbelief and pride. Declare who Jesus is and your belief/trust in Him. Present your challenges of belief to God. Pray for one another.

Looking Forward:

How will you prepare your heart for Good Friday (reflection) and Easter (celebration)?

Who will you invite to Easter? Stop and pray for those people.

March's Memory Verse & Spiritual Practice: See the church App.