

Small Group Questions | Real Food | John 6:25-71



In John 6, Jesus feeds a large crowd and then crosses the Sea of Galilee. When the crowd comes and finds him, He tells them that He is the Bread of Life, and that he didn't come to just give out physical bread but rather offer his flesh and blood so that his people could have eternal life. We read about the various reactions the people had to these statements which were primarily characterized by a misunderstanding of Jesus' use of "bread" as a metaphor. Reflect on these interactions and think about your relationship with the Bread of Life today.

1. Tell us about a misunderstanding that took place in your life. Who misunderstood, and what were the consequences?
2. **Read John 6:25-29.** The crowd came looking for Jesus. Why did Jesus say they sought him? How did what he had to say differ from their expectations?
3. **Read Exodus 16:11-15 and John 6:30-35.** Jesus refers to Himself as the Bread of Life. What do you think he means by this metaphor, and why is it significant?
4. **Read John 6:36-40.** How does this add to your understanding of the Gospel message, and relate to **John 3:16-17**?
5. **Read John 6:41-42.** It was challenging for the people to see Jesus as anything other than a local kid. How does this impact their understanding of his teaching? In what ways do we, with more context and study, understand the metaphors he is using differently than they did?
6. **Read John 6:53-58.** How does this passage impact your understanding and practice of Communion? What other passages can you point to that clarify/inform our understanding of Jesus body and blood offered for our sins?
7. How can we "feed on Jesus" in our daily lives without trying to just check boxes and earn our way into heaven? What does that look like in your life?
8. Close your time in prayer. Ask God for the wisdom to share the Bread of Life with the people around you who need it.