

## COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Spring 2025 - Signs - "The Glory of His Bread"

Monday, Mar. 24 - Sunday, Mar. 30 (Week 8)

*In this sermon, Pastor Mike delves into the critical concept of self-awareness in the light of faith and dependence on Jesus. He opens by challenging the common self-discovery narrative that suggests we are inherently good, explaining instead that the Bible reveals the opposite; we are in desperate need of Jesus. As faith is tested, Pastor Mike emphasizes that true growth comes from a decrease in self-confidence and an increase in reliance on Christ. The understanding of one's own shortcomings ultimately leads to humility and an appreciation for Jesus' unconditional love and forgiveness. Pastor Mike illustrates this theme through the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000, noting how Jesus' actions serve as a sign pointing to his identity as the ultimate provider. He highlights how the crowd's desire to make Jesus king stemmed from their physical needs rather than a deeper understanding of his mission as the Savior and high priest. Jesus came not just to meet temporal needs but to offer eternal life. Pastor Mike urges the congregation to trust in Jesus beyond material wants and to recognize that true contentment comes from understanding His provision for our spiritual well-being. The sermon concludes with an invitation to partake in the Lord's Supper as a reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made for our salvation, symbolizing both his broken body and the eternal life he offers.*

- Can you share a time when you felt your faith was being tested? How did that experience affect your dependence on Jesus?
- In what areas of your life do you find yourself relying more on your own strength rather than on Jesus? How can you shift that reliance?
- The sermon mentioned that Jesus is not just an "insurance provider" but our Lord and Savior. How does this perspective change the way you approach your relationship with Him?
- How do you interpret the idea that Jesus is the "bread of life" and what does it mean for your spiritual life?
- How do you respond when you feel like your needs are not being met? What steps can you take to grow in contentment and trust in Jesus?
- What are some of the "needs" in your life that you struggle to trust Jesus with? How can we as a group support you in this?

