

Small Group Study Guide, Week of March 2, 2025

John 6:22-59, "I Am the Bread of Life"

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite kind of bread? How best do you like to eat it?

Dig:

1. As background, read John 6:1-24. John supplies several waypoints in his narrative; use a Bible map to get a sense of the directions and distances of travel covered and modes used to get there. What surprises you about where and when Jesus traveled? About where and when the crowd traveled?
2. From 6:25-59, list the questions the crowd asks Jesus. List Jesus' response to each. What was Jesus attempting to teach them through each of his responses? What did the crowd understand instead? What led to the misunderstandings?
3. Given the crowd's misunderstanding regarding Jesus' claim to be the "bread of life" in 6:35, why does Jesus develop the illustration even more graphically in vv53-58? Look ahead to vv60-70 and describe the outcome of Jesus' claim. Why this reaction?

Apply:

4. In our culture, what are the main reasons people follow Jesus? What was your original motive in following him? How has that changed for you over time? Why?
5. From this passage, what is God's answer to mankind's hunger? How satisfied are you personally by that answer? Who is God calling you to share your "bread" with?

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