



DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK: *The Bread of Life [John 6:26-58]*

GETTING STARTED

What is one thing you are thankful for this week and what is one thing we can pray for you this week?

Remind each other of our simple expectations for meeting together

In what ways do you observe people today attempting to find satisfaction?

What needs do you spend the majority of your time trying to satisfy?

QUICK REACTIONS

- How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?
- What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?
- Did you disagree with something said, or what do you think should have been added or expanded on?

QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

1. In what way can you relate to the crowd and what they were seeking from Jesus?
2. As a group, instead of bread, come up with a more contemporary word that Jesus would use to describe Himself to us today?
3. Dave described that in this conversation with the crowd that Jesus was doing two things. He was identifying the symptoms of a dissatisfied life, while offering us what truly satisfies.

Verses 26-34, Jesus is saying, what does not satisfy is pursuing things that don't last and what will satisfy your deepest longings, is the enduring security of a relationship with me

Verses 37-58, Jesus is saying, you know you're dissatisfied by what you are complaining about. What will truly satisfy your deepest longings is my enduring presence.

In what way have you experienced this to be true in your own life? How can we struggle with this?

EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [John 6:26-58]

(Yes, these questions can seem silly, however good discussion and interpretation of the Bible begins with having a proper understanding of the basic facts; who, what, when, and where in the text.)

Why did the crowd seek Jesus? (6:26)

What did Jesus say the Son of Man would give to these people? (6:27)

What did Jesus say was the work of God? (6:28-29)

What did the crowd ask Jesus to do? (6:30-31)

Who did Jesus say was the true bread of life? (6:32-33)

What did Jesus say would be the result of coming to Him? (6:35)

What did Jesus say He would never do to those who came to Him? (6:37)

Why did Jesus come down from heaven? (6:38)

What did Jesus say is the Father's will? (6:39-40)

Why did the Jews begin to grumble? (6:41-42)

Who did Jesus say could come to Him? (6:43-44)

What did Jesus say would be the result of believing? (6:47)

What contrast does Jesus make between manna and the bread of life? (6:48-51, 58)

What did Jesus say about His flesh and His blood? (6:53-57)

QUESTIONS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEXT

What things do we seek from Jesus?

In what ways can we have a “demanding attitude” with God?

When and why did you come to faith in Jesus?

In what way has Jesus satisfied your hunger and thirst for acceptance, security and meaning in life?

In what ways can we still feel empty?

What situations cause you to feel insecure?

When do you feel secure in your relationship with God? Why?

How has the Christian life turned out to be different from what you expected?

In what way is Jesus an example for us to follow?

APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in this passage?

What may God be asking you to change, do differently, repent of, pray about, as a result of engaging with this passage?

How can we pray for each other?