

KNOWING THE TRUTH**The Bread of Life****John 6:25–71**

Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.” John 6:35

1. Read this week’s passage. As you read, notice the changing attitude of Jesus’ listeners. In verse 26, why, according to Jesus, are the people looking for him?
2. What does Jesus want the people to recognize about their motives for following him? What are some possible motives someone might have for following Jesus? What about you: why do you follow him?
3. How do the people respond to what Jesus says? (v. 28)
4. Give an example of the kind of work the people might be thinking about. What is the one work that God requires?
5. What view must we have toward our own good works before we can do the one work that God requires? (Consider Isaiah 64:6.) Is this a view that comes naturally to us?
6. What parallel does Jesus draw between himself and the “bread from heaven” (vs. 32) that the Jewish people remembered from Exodus 16:1–5? Express in your own words what it means for us to pray, “Lord, from now on give us this bread” (vs. 34).
7. List the promises Jesus makes in verses 35–51. What do you think: have you chosen Jesus or has he chosen you? How do these promises change the way you think about today? Tomorrow? Eternity?

8. The events of John 6 take place during the Passover feast (vs. 4). Read John 6:51–58 with Exodus 12. During the Passover of Exodus, what purpose did the blood of the lamb serve? The flesh of the lamb?

9. Keeping this history in mind, describe how Jesus' listeners would have interpreted his words about eating his flesh and drinking his blood (vs. 53). (See also 1 Corinthians 5:7b.)

10. What do you think is “hard” (vs. 60) about Jesus' teaching? Is there anything in Jesus' words that is hard for you to hear?

11. “The Spirit gives life” (vs. 63). What does this mean to you?

12. What commitment to Jesus does Peter make for himself and for all the disciples? (vss. 68–69)
Can you make this same commitment?