

## OPENING QUESTIONS:

What is a way that God has provided something for you in a supernatural way?  
How has it changed the way you worship God?

**READ John 6:35-51.** Jesus makes the 1st of His “I AM” statement when Jesus says...  
“I AM the Bread of Life.”

**Unpack “I AM”** Jesus used a strange combination of Greek words... **ego & eimi.**

- The word **ego** means "I AM". But the word “**eimi**” also means I AM... so together you get **I AM, I AM.**

You have to go back to the OT to see that the **ineffable** (to great to be described in words)  
name of God... **YAHWEH (YHWH)**

- When you translate what God described His name to be to His people in the OT, you can use the same construction of **ego eimi. I AM WHO I AM.**
- Jesus is again stating that HE IS... GOD!

Every time we hear Jesus say an **I AM** statement... He is saying I AM WHO I AM is...  
(Bread of Life. The Way, Truth & Life. The Vine. Good Shepherd. The Door.)

Even when He appeared to His disciples walking across the Sea of Galilee and says...  
“Don’t be afraid. It is **I** (AM WHO I AM)”

Jesus calling Himself the BREAD of Life... He actually says... “I AM the Bread of Life.”

**What More Do WE Need to Survive:** Jesus can provide for us everything we “NEED”  
and more! Why do we look everywhere but in Jesus and what He offers for our every need?

More than **food** for the 5000. More than their **next** meal. More than a **staple** of their diet.

**BREAD was a RICH SYMBOL of Jewish Life!!! (LOOK how bread was used!)**

Bread was **used symbolically** during the Jewish celebration of Pentecost.  
- 2 loaves of leavened bread were offered as sacrifices

The Levite priests would place **12 loaves** of unleavened bread in the  
**Tabernacle** to represent God’s presence with the **12 Tribes of Israel.**

And of course throughout the **EXODUS** - God miraculously provided a  
heavenly substance know as MANNA for His people.

It was a “flakey” substance. God provided new Manna for His people everyday.

**Jesus was Making a Bold Statement...** when He called Himself the BREAD of LIFE. He was references the “bread that came down from Heaven.” He had just showed His ability to turn five loaves and two fish into food for *thousands*!

**Jesus is our Heavenly Manna** He provides for His children everything we need.  
- He is the spiritual food given by the Father to all who ask, seek, and knock.

**Jesus Gives this Discourse During the Passover:** PASSOVER was a yearly tradition to commemorate the Israelites deliverance from slavery in Egypt. (Exodus)  
- On the night before leaving Egypt - the Israelites made UNLEAVENED bread - because they had no time for their bread to RISE! (*that's why in their tradition its “unleavened”*)

He is **INDICATING** that He is God’s provision for man’s deepest Spiritual needs!  
- As God provided for His people in EXODUS in the OT, and Jesus feeding the 5000\* in NT

**Now** He is EXPRESSING the REALITY that He IS (“I AM”) the **only** One who can provide our true SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT!

**The Sad Reality:** Before this chapter even ends, many of Jesus’ followers turn their backs on Jesus and **walk away**! When standing before them is EVERYTHING they need!

**They walk away!** HOW can people deny the provision that Jesus is in their lives? HOW have we been guilty of denying what God can and does do?

**READ John 1:12-13** This is taken from John’s prologue about Jesus...  
12 But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (God will always PROVIDE for His CHILDREN!)

**TAKE TIME TO PRAY:** Thank God for always providing for us. Thank Him for having exactly what we need! Pray for wisdom for world leaders. Thank God for His covenant love His chosen people Israel and for His Church.

## HOUSEKEEPING:

REMIND your group that this is the LAST week to collect items for **COVER the COMMUNITY**. Next Sunday **October 29th** is the final opportunity to drop off.

**EXTRA READING:** Read the rest of JOHN 6 this week!

Encourage the group to get to it on their own in their personal time with God.