

**Sermon Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Live Stream**  
**March 29, 2020**

This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon to be used after the Live Stream. When we hear God's Word being read and explained, we need to do more than just listen. The Bible says "be doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:22)." **Step 1: GATHER** in a room that will allow for all who are present to sit, talk, and listen. **Step 2: REVIEW** the topic and/or text from the Bible that Sam preached about. **Step 3: DISCUSS** key points and scriptures from the sermon using the Sermon Guide (below) **Step 4: PRAY** for the prayer requests shared by your family or small group.

**Discussion Guide: The Real Jesus Week 1**

**Discussion Starter #1:** Speaking about John 8:58 Pastor Sam said, "By using the Name 'I Am,' Jesus used the name that all the Jews used for the name of their eternal God, Yahweh. Jesus made a statement claiming that he is the Eternal God, that his voice was the same voice that was in the burning bush speaking to Moses in Exodus 3:13-14." Was Jesus just a good teacher or was He God 'incarnate' (literally means "in flesh" or God coming into human flesh.)  
Read John 1:1-3, 14. Based on these verses and based on Jesus' own words, who is Jesus?

**Discussion Starter #2:** Read John 6:30-36. What sign did the people want Jesus to perform? Jesus did not send any bread from heaven but identified another kind of bread from heaven. In John 6:35 Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life." Pastor Sam said, "Jesus is trying to lift their focus off of their material and physical needs to their spiritual needs." Why is it so easy to focus on material and physical needs when spiritual needs are more important?

**Self-evaluation:** In John 6:41-47, the Jews question Jesus' identity because they knew Him as the son of Joseph. Jesus finishes that section by saying, "whoever believes has eternal life." Have you ever questioned whether Jesus was actually God? What changed your mind? Have you come to believe in Jesus, turning from your sin and trusting Him as your Savior and Lord?

**Activity:** Read John 6:48-51. Jesus says that everyone who "eats of this bread, he will live forever." Pastor Sam said, "Everyone feeds on something to get joy, hope, or fulfillment. Some feed on entertainment to satisfy that hunger, others feed on their accomplishments, careers, business, relationships, or intimacy. But, none of those will spiritually sustain you and they will still lead to death." Discuss the difference between things that temporarily satisfy versus things that will eternally satisfy.

**Going Deeper:** Talk for a few moments with your group about what Jesus says about "feeding on my flesh and drinking my blood." Jesus is using a word picture where placing your total faith and trust in Jesus is equivalent to eating Jesus' flesh and drinking His blood. Later in verse 63 Jesus says, "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." The language Jesus is using is figurative and not literal. He is not talking about our diet of food, but our decision to believe in Jesus as the one and only Son of God and source of life with God.

**Doing the Word:** When speaking with family members, neighbors, and coworkers this week, how can you move the conversation towards spiritual things? As we will see in this series of sermons, Jesus used many common things (food, water, light, etc.) to describe spiritual realities. Think of some common things you could use to turn a conversation towards Jesus and eternal life in Him.