

Dear Life Group Leaders,

This week's Life Group Guide is in two distinct but connected parts. Put together, they speak of Jesus' enduring pursuit of us and how sometimes we do not see or hear Him knocking and calling us by name because we are busy or preoccupied with other things. In some cases, we run the risk of deserting Him and declaring the gospel and a life of faith too hard. But, praise God, Jesus' offer of living bread still holds good today as it did over 2000 years ago.

God bless,

Noline

*(This week's Life Group Guide is brought to you by Noline Matemera who attends our Wimbledon Venue)*

## **LIFE GROUP GUIDE**

### **John 6:22-7:1**

**This Week's BIG IDEA:** Are we hungry for spiritual food?

**Please read John 6:22-7:1**

#### **PART 1 – John 6:22-59**

1. v22-25, what is the context of our passage today?

*[Leaders note: at the start of chapter 6, Jesus performed the miracle of feeding the five thousand. No doubt word had spread and the crowds were seeking Jesus. The crowds track Jesus down to Capernaum and their first question was to ask when had Jesus travelled to the other side of the lake v25.]*

2. What does Jesus' response in v26 tell us about how God perceives what we say to Him?

*[Leaders note: God sees our heart and knows our motives. See Hebrew 4:12.]*

3. v27, where should our focus be? What gets in the way of our focus on eternal things?

*[Leaders note: Matt 6:19-20 tells us to store up treasure in heaven where it cannot perish.]*

4. v28-29, what do these verses tell us about what God requires of us?

*[Leaders note: we're called to believe in Jesus, what wonderful grace!]*

5. v30-34, in what ways does the crowd misunderstand Jesus' teaching? How can we be like the crowd?

*[Leaders note: The crowd's view was clouded by their focus on the physical bread for the body.]*

6. v35-40, what promises are contained in these verses for those who believe?

*[Leaders note: Ask 2/3 members to share which promise resonates the most with them and why.]*

7. v41-42, why is the crowd having a hard time believing what Jesus is teaching to them?

8. v43-51, what is the difference between manna and the bread of life?

9. v52-59, how did Jesus give us his flesh to eat?

*[Leaders note: Jesus is looking ahead to the last supper, communion, and his crucifixion.]*

#### **PART 2 – John 6:60-7:1**

10. What is the common theme between v60-61 and v26?

*[Leaders note: God knows our attitudes and motivations and sees into our hearts.]*

11. v63-66, despite knowing that some of the disciples would desert and betray Him, Jesus still affirms that His words are full of Spirit and life. What does this tell us of God's pursuit of us?

12. How does the exchange at v67-71 give us hope?

*[Leaders note: despite some of the disciples failings, they still had moments where they got it right and truly knew Jesus for who He is.]*

13. Let's spend some time thanking God for the richness of His promises in the passage and His relentless pursuit of us. Ask that He helps us to always seek His face and not what we can get out of His hand.