

Knowing Jesus Through His Faithfulness

- Opening Announcements
- Opening Prayer

Q: How have you experienced God's faithfulness?

Q: What is it about faithfulness that is so good and precious and draws you TOWARD the one who is faithful?

Table Time: At your table, read and discuss the following....

READ: John 6:22-34 "On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³ Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³² Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Q: In our text for today, according to verse 26, what was the reason they were "seeking" Jesus?

Q: According to verse 27, what was His admonition?

Q: According to verse 28, what's their response to Jesus and what is HIS answer in verse 29?

Q: What's interesting about verse 30 (especially in light of the fact that they experienced a "sign" the day before when Jesus fed them with fish and bread)?

Q: In verse 31, the crowd appeals to some history! What's that about? And how does Jesus correct their understanding?

Q: What's their response in verse 34? How is that similar to the "Samaritan Woman at the Well"'s response?

Big Group Debrief....

READ: John 6: 35-40 "Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Q: What's Jesus' pronouncement to their request to give them "bread"?

Q: What is verses 36 about? Why didn't they believe?

Q: What does verse 37 indicate and what's the comfort and promise?

Q: According to verse 38, WHY did Jesus come?

Q: What's the "will of Him Who sent me"?

Q: How does Jesus expand on verse 39 in verse 40? What does it mean to "look on the Son"?

Q: What does it mean to eat and drink the "bread of life" and drink the "water of life"?

Q: Why does Jesus use language like this? How does this help? How does this also invite us to consider deeper? How might this kind of language "mask" or "hide" the truth?

HOMEWORK: Read the rest of John 6 and "see", "hear", "consume" what Jesus is offering!