

“Bread of Life”
Sermon Discussion Guide – John 6
March 10, 2024

Icebreaker questions:

- What is the most filling meal you’ve ever had? How long did that “full” feeling last?
- Other than food, what is an experience that satisfied you (made you feel good) for longer than the time of the actual event? (i.e., Maybe a “feel-good” movie that stayed with you; a great vacation, a celebration event, etc.) How long did those good feelings last?

(Optional question!)

Pastor Andy said that this story, and the discussion throughout John chapter 6, has to do with spiritual satisfaction.

- If you are comfortable answering, what is the state of your soul these days? Where do you feel you are in your relationship with God? (This is intentionally a very open-ended and personal question.)
 - Did the sermon provide any insight? Raise any questions?

Jesus says in John 6:53, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

- What did Pastor Andy say that Jesus means by this? How are we to “feed” on Jesus?

Compare Philip’s and Andrew’s response to Jesus’s question in verses 5-9.

- Pastor Andy said that Phillip’s response is one of hopefulness, while Andrew’s response is perhaps one of hope that Jesus might do something BIG with something very SMALL.
- Can you think of a recent time when you shared Philips reaction of hopelessness when faced with a big problem? How did God work in that situation, or what did he show you through it?
- Do you have a “boy’s lunchbox” in your life – something that seems so insignificant. How might you pray that God multiplies that little thing?

The crowd has three possible misunderstandings about Jesus: That he’s a sign-worker; a prophet; or a king. How is his true title (Messiah, Savior) different? (See verses 25-40)

(The next question is on the sacrament of communion. For context on this question, read Luke 22:14-20)

- Talk about our practice of taking communion. What meaning does this have for you? What do you think about as you participate?

- Notice the similarities between the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 (John 6:1-15) and Luke's account. (Jesus distributing food, the claims he makes about himself as the bread.) While they are very different stories, what stands out to you?

When you hear that Jesus offers you "eternal life", is this something that excites you?

- What hope does eternal life give you that changes how you live now, or your outlook on life?
- If you have questions and are comfortable sharing it with your group, what questions do you have about eternal life?

Close by praying for any significant challenges or questions from the members in your group.