Nourishment for Life All You Need Message Series Week 1 John 6:22-40 June 23, 2024 Pastor Jeff Burkholder

Why do we need Jesus, the Bread of Life?

1. Because we have a <u>spiritual hunger</u>.

 Because the temporary pleasures and pursuits of this world never <u>satisfy</u> the deep longing of our <u>hearts</u>. (Ecclesiastes 2:1-11)

Our bellies may be full, our houses may be big, our cars may be new, our vacations may be many, our careers may be successful, but our hearts are empty. 3. Because it's only through knowing Jesus that our restless hearts find rest and we are satisfied. (Philippians 3:7-9)

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

John 10:10, ESV

"We have a valid desire for achievement, happiness, friendship, love, and success. But it is tragic that many Christians attempt to satisfy these hungers in the world's way while neglecting the truly satisfying task of spending time with God."

> James Montgomery Boyce, *The Gospel of John, Volume 2*, BakerBooks, Grand Rapids, MI, 2005, p. 479.

4. Because it's only through Jesus that we have <u>eternal</u> life. (John 6:26-27)

5. Because it's only through the nourishment of Jesus that we grow and mature spiritually. Jesus is our daily bread.



Celebrating Their Faith in Jesus Christ Through Baptism Today:

9:00 Service: Preston Hunter **10:45 Service** Ainsley Jones Aubree Jones

What is baptism?

Throughout the New Testament, people publicly displayed their faith in Christ through baptism (Acts 2:38-41, 8:36-38). They did this as an act of obedience (Matthew 28:19) to identify themselves with Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-4).

"Baptism is a physical picture of a spiritual truth. Baptism declares your faith, shares Christ's burial and resurrection, symbolizes your death to your old life, and announces your new life in Christ. It is also a celebration of your inclusion in God's family."

Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2002, p. 120.

Baptism is not a means to gain salvation. Baptism does not make you a member of God's family; faith in Christ alone does that. Rather, baptism is a public expression of your personal faith.

Baptism is different than church membership. Baptism is a public expression of your commitment to Jesus Christ. Church membership is your commitment to a local family of Christ-followers. The only biblical condition for baptism is that you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Aimee Conley in the Church Office at 717.426.1345 or aconley@cbcpa.org.