

## **Bread of Life**

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### Context for John chapter 6

- The five miracles Jesus performed before His "I AM the Bread of Life" statement are physical demonstrations of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_, while His "I AM" statements are spiritual revelations of Jesus'
- The five miracles:
  - Turning water into wine (John 2:1-12)
  - Healing an official's son (John 4:46-54)
  - Healing the lame man (John 5:1-17)
  - Feeding of the 5,000 (vv. 1-15)
  - Jesus walks on water (vv. 16-21)

#### Jesus: "I AM the Bread of Life"

John 6:22-59; Exodus 16

<sup>47</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the **bread of life**. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:47-51 FSV

## Profound spiritual truths found in the "bread" metaphor:

- Not cannibalism, but \_\_\_\_\_
- Just as food is useless unless it is eaten, so also spiritual truth does no good if it's not

- Eating involves \_\_\_\_\_
- Eating is \_\_\_\_\_









# What does this mean for me?

Only	satisfies
I must be nourished every	

I can experience real life in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ and eternal life

· I must choose my \_\_\_\_\_ to the "Bread of Life"

- Rejection (vv. 41-42)
- Temporary/shallow faith (vv. 60-66)
- True faith (vv. 67-71)

### **Memory Verse:**

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### My next step today is to...

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- o Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- o Go public as a follower of Jesus and get **baptized**
- o Plan to attend the rest of the *I AM Series* (as much as I can)

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## **Reflection Questions:**

- · Have I answered "Life's Most Important Question?" Who do I say Jesus is?
- People try to "feed" their deepest need in all kinds of ways (success, relationships, pleasure, distractions, etc.). Which of these do I tend to rely on? How have they left me unsatisfied?
- · Am I "feeding" daily on Jesus Christ? If yes, how?
- · What does daily dependence on God look like for me right now?
- · What "perishable food" might I be chasing after?
- The three responses to Jesus in John 6 are: rejection, shallow faith, and true faith. Which best describes where I am today? Is that where I want to be? Is that where Jesus wants me to be?
- · Eating involves trust. What does it look like for me to trust Jesus with every part of my life?
- Eternal life begins now, not just in heaven. Where have I already experienced Jesus' peace, joy, or purpose?