

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

JOHN 6:22-40

Ice Breaker: If you had one restaurant you could eat at for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?

Ice Breaker: What is one evidence of grace you have seen God work in your life this past week?

DISCUSSION 1: Seeking the Signs

1. Briefly discuss the context surrounding our passage. What happened in the narrative in John 6:1-21 that helps us understand our text?
2. How does Jesus respond to the crowds seeking to find him? Why does Jesus rebuke the crowds this way?
3. What are ways we seek Jesus for his signs rather than who he is?
4. What does Jesus mean when he says, “do not labor for the food that perishes?” Why is it so easy to work for the things that don’t last and so hard to work for the things that are eternal?
5. Even though they have just seen Jesus miraculously feed them, the crowds ask Jesus for another sign to convince them that he is sent from God. What are ways we put Jesus to the test in our lives? Why is this not okay? How ought we to approach Jesus?

DISCUSSION 2: The Bread of Life

1. How did God provide food for the Israelites in the wilderness (Ex. 16) and what was he trying to teach them through his provision?
2. Jesus says those who come to him will never go hungry and never thirst. What exactly does Jesus mean by this? What does Jesus satisfy that will never go hungry or thirsty?
3. How is Jesus the better bread than the manna given in the wilderness?

DISCUSSION 3:

1. Jesus says even though the crowds see Jesus and his glory they do not believe. Looking at our text, what is needed in order for someone to believe?
2. What does it mean that God’s will is for Jesus to lose nothing that he gives to him? If God wills it, does it happen? How is our will different than God’s will?
3. What happens on the Last Day? What part do you play in your salvation and perseverance until the Last day? (see further study section)
4. How does knowing that Jesus will lose no one who believes change the way you see your faith? How might it affect the way you experience trials and doubt?

APPLICATION

- **Group:** Pray as a group that our church would seek Jesus not for his signs but rather Jesus himself. Discuss what it looks like to keep one another accountable and to encourage one o find our satisfaction in Christ alone.
- **Individual:** Take time to confess to Jesus the ways that you have sought the things Jesus can give rather than Jesus himself. Think of ways your life can reflect someone who trust in Christ to satisfy all your hunger and all your deepest thirst.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

- **Wilderness Provision:** Exodus 16, Ps. 78:23-24, Ps. 105:40, Neh. 9:15, I Cor. 10:1-5
- **Chosen & Kept by God:** Phil 1:6, Eph. 1:3-14, Romans 8:29-30, Romans 9, Heb. 12:1-3
- **Last Day:** I Thess. 4:13-5:11, I Cor. 3:11-15, 2 Peter 3:8-13, Rev. 20:11-15, Rev. 21