

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

JOHN 6:41-59

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

Ice Breaker: What's the hardest teaching or story in the Bible that is difficult to understand or explain? Explain your answer.

DISCUSSION 1: No One Comes

1. Briefly discuss the context surrounding our passage. What has happened and what has Jesus taught that helps us understand our passage?
2. Why do you think the Jews grumbled about Jesus teaching that he is the bread from heaven?
3. What are some difficult doctrines or teachings in Scripture that are difficult to accept? How ought we handle difficult teachings in Scripture? What are some important things we ought to affirm or do before diving into a difficult biblical text?
4. What does Jesus mean when he says no one comes to me unless the Father draws them? What are the implications of this teaching? Why is this text encouraging?

DISCUSSION 2: Eternal Life Only Through Jesus

1. In our text Jesus teaches some hard things when he says, "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life..." How are we to understand Jesus' teaching? How would reading this teaching literally lead us into doctrinal error?
2. How is Jesus the better bread than the manna given in the wilderness?
3. Jesus again repeats the promise, "I will raise him up on the last day" multiple times in chapter 6. Why is this an important promise? What's significant about the Last Day and how should it impact our lives today?
4. What does it mean to abide in Jesus and for Jesus to abide in us? What does a life that abides in Jesus look like practically?

APPLICATION

- **Group:** Break up into men and women's groups and discuss further what it means to abide in Jesus. Discuss together ways we can encourage one another to feed on Christ and abide in Him. Commit to taking one step of "abiding" in Christ and keep each other accountable for your goal.
- **Individual:** Take time individually or with your spouse or close friend to look at the rhythms of your life and evaluate the liturgy of your life. Ask yourself, what does my schedule and pursuits say about what I value most. Pray that the Lord would give you wisdom in how to abide in Christ in all of life.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

- **Grumbling:** Ex. 16:8, Num. 14:27, Ps. 95:8-9, Phil. 2:14, 1 Pet. 4:9
- **Promise of Eternal Life:** John 10:28, I John 5:10-13, Rom. 10:9-11
- **Last Day:** I Thess. 4:13-5:11, I Cor. 3:11-15, 2 Peter 3:8-13, Rev. 20:11-15, Rev. 21