

125. “Bread of Life” Sermon, Part 1 (John 6:25-40)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You are the Bread of life. You feed and support our spiritual life. Without You, we have no strength, no life, nothing. Please teach us to come to You often to see that You are our Savior. Help us to not trust things in this world, but only trust You for life. We pray in Your name. Amen.

John 6:25-27. The Jews found Jesus on the other side of the Sea of Galilee. They asked Jesus, “Teacher, when did you arrive here?” Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth – you are not looking for Me because I did miracles. You are looking for Me because you ate a lot of bread. Don’t work for food that ends. Work for food that continues to eternal life. The Son of Man will give you that eternal food. God the Father shows that His Son can give that food.”

- Why were the Jews looking for Jesus?
- What food did Jesus say they should work for? How can they get that food?

John 6:28-29. The Jews asked Jesus, “What should we do? What works does God want us to do?” Jesus said, “God wants you to do this: believe in the One He sent.”

- Jesus already told them once, the Son will give them that eternal food. Did the Jews understand? What did they want to do?
- What did Jesus tell them to do? Is that really work?

John 6:30-33. The Jews asked Jesus, “Give us a sign (proof) so we can believe You. What will You do for proof? Long ago, our fathers ate manna in the desert. The Bible says, ‘Moses gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, Moses didn’t give you bread from heaven. My Father gives you true bread from heaven. What is that true bread? The One who came down from heaven and gives life to the world – He is the true bread.”

- Finally, the Jews begin to understand Jesus. Jesus is saying that He will give them the bread of eternal life. Do they believe Jesus? What do they ask for?

- Now Jesus speaks more clearly. Before, Jesus said He will give them the bread of life. Now Jesus says who the bread is. Who is the bread that gives life?

John 6:34-36. The Jews said, “Lord, always give us this bread.” Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. A person who comes to Me will not become hungry. A person who believes in Me will never become thirsty. But I tell you, you see Me but you don’t believe.”

- What is Jesus talking about, hunger and thirst? Does He mean physical hunger and thirst, or does He mean something else?
- Jesus said, “A person who comes to Me will not become hungry.” What does He mean, “comes to Me?” Those Jews came to Jesus and followed Him around, but they didn’t belong to Jesus. How do we or anyone come to Jesus?

John 6:37-40. Jesus said, “Every person the Father gives Me will come to Me. When a person comes to Me, I will not reject them. I came from heaven, why? To do what I want? No. I came to do what My Father wants. The Father sent Me, and this is what He wants: on the last day, He wants me to raise everyone He gave me. He doesn’t want Me to lose anyone. My Father wants everyone to see the Son and believe in Him and have eternal life. On the last day, I, Jesus, will raise those people alive.”

- We just saw that faith is HOW we come to Jesus. Now, WHY do we come to Jesus? (hint – look at what God the Father does with us.)
- Jesus came to do God’s will. What will Jesus do on the last day for you and all the people who belong to Him?
- Who is doing all the work here? Read each sentence – agree with Jesus’ words?
 - Jesus came to be our example and show us how to live.
 - Jesus will raise me alive because God chose me.
 - We need to tell people that Jesus is their true life.
 - We need to tell people to change their lives so Jesus will accept them.