

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Fall Series: "Nobody but Jesus"- Studies in John's Good News about Jesus



"Understanding Jesus' Provision"
John 6:25-59

"Do I view Jesus as my provider, or my provision? Is there a difference for me?"

Read John 6:35. How would you summarize this in your own words?

Read John 6:26,27. In what ways do I "work for food that spoils?" Do I know what that looks like?

Read Exodus 16:1-4. God has rescued Israel with great displays, signs of His power. When can you point to a time that God's power was obvious and evident in your own life?

Exodus 16:2 highlights that two months after their deliverance, Israel is grumbling again against God. How and when do I see myself doing the same?

Read John 6:39,40. Jesus reveals his mission and commitment to us. Complete the following sentence, "In light of Jesus' commitment to me, I am willing to..."

John 6:53 speaks to a level of intimacy and sacrifice Jesus calls me to. How would I rate my level of intimacy and sacrifice with Jesus today? What will I do to change both?

Is Jesus the only, "bread of my life?" Explain.

"PRAY FOR ONE"- For whom does God place on my heart to pray for an intentional opportunity to intentionally share the good news of Jesus? Will I commit to pray along those lines between now and the end of the year? Who will pray with me?

Next Week: Understanding Jesus' Home"

*****SEE BELOW FOR THIS WEEK'S STUDY QUESTIONS*****

JOHN 6 STUDY QUESTIONS

Read John 6:1-15

- What motivated the crowds to follow Jesus?
- What similar motivations can people have for following Jesus today?
- How did the crowd respond to the free lunch?
- Jesus knew He was the King of the Jews. Why do you think he withdrew from the crowds?

Read John 6:16-40.

- How would you describe the crowd's motivation in verse 26?
- Do you think we can be guilty of the same motives?
- What do you think it means to work for the food which endures? What is this food (verses 27-29)?
- The work of God seems pretty simple. Is it as simple as it sounds?
- What did Jesus mean when He referred to himself as the "bread of life?"
- What are some of the unique qualities of this bread?

- What can we learn about the Father's will from verses 38-40?
- Jesus says that on the last day (the day of judgment) that He will not lose anyone that has been given to Him (verse 39). What do you think He means by this?
- Why do you think eternal life was so important to Jesus' message?
- Do you think people today are as concerned about eternal life as they appear to be in this setting?

Read John 6:41-51.

- How did the Jews respond to Jesus' claim about bread?
- Why was this claim a point of irritation with them?
- Why didn't Jesus try to smooth things over when He saw that the Jews were offended?
- What teachings of Jesus do you find to be offensive? Be honest.

Read John 6:52-59.

- The Jews began to argue about his statement of giving his flesh to eat in verse 52. How does Jesus respond?
- Where does Jesus say that we will find life?
- Eating flesh and drinking blood are vivid analogies. Why do you think Jesus chooses such graphic pictures to describe belief?

Read John 6:60-71.

The general term for a follower or student of a teacher in both Greek and Jewish cultures was a “disciple.” Many people considered themselves to be Jesus’ disciples but Jesus personally chose twelve to be his closest followers (Mark 3:13-14). In this passage, these disciples are those who followed Jesus but were not considered part of the inner circle of the twelve.

- How did the larger group of disciples respond to his teachings in verses 60, 61, 66?
- If you were a follower of Jesus, how would you have reacted?
- How does Jesus respond to their grumbling?
- What authority does He give to His teachings in verse 63?
- Do you think people today have the same response to His authority as those disciples did?
- Why do you think many of the disciples chose not to follow Jesus (verse 66)?
- What could cause people today to no longer follow Christ?
- Why do you think Peter and the others decided to stay with Him?
- If you had to provide one reason to follow Jesus at this time in your life, what would that be?