

Sermon Outline

The Gospel According to John, Part 12 (John 6:22-71)

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Main Idea: This week Robin continues our series in the Gospel of John. In today's sermon, we look at the first of several metaphorical "I am" statements that Jesus makes. As the "bread of life" Jesus is pointing people to the reality that life itself, both temporal and eternal, is rooted in him.

Key Text/Quotes:

"Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."
John 6:26-27

"Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." John 6:35-40

"After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God." John 6:68-69

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read John 6:22-71 and open in prayer. See also Psalm 78:23-24.
2. John 6, like all of Scripture, is written to give us God's perspective and insight into what is of ultimate importance. The crowds, understandably focused on food and their own physical sustenance, come to Jesus knowing that he can provide food for them. How does Jesus respond to them? What does he make of greatest importance?
3. What does Jesus mean by claiming "I am the bread of life?" What impact does/should that have on our daily lives?
4. John 6:51 reminds us that Jesus gave his "flesh" (life) so that we might believe and have eternal life. He also reminds us of the "offense" of the Cross. Why is the cross offensive and how does this reminder help us to forbear as witnesses of Jesus to the world?
5. In the daily challenges, blessings, and busyness of life, how often do you think about eternity? Why is it so important to Jesus and the Father?
6. Close your time in prayer thanking Jesus for salvation and life in his Name.

