

Bible Study Questions

I AM the Bread of Life

Survival

John 6:25-51

1. Do you think the crowd is favorable to Jesus or hostile to him? Explain your answer based on statements from the passage.
2. Jesus contrasts two appetites—one for physical nourishment and one for spiritual sustenance. How is each appetite satisfied (vv. 26-27)?
3. When the crowd asks how they can please God and do God's will, Jesus says, "Believe in the one he has sent" (v.29). But their response is to ask for a miracle (v. 30). How is their response similar to the response of our culture to the claims of Christ?
4. How would you explain what Jesus means when he says, "I am the bread of life" (v. 35; see also vv. 27 and 33)?

Do you think the crowd understands what Jesus is saying? Why or why not?

5. How would you describe your daily spiritual diet: healthy and nourishing, junk food, starvation level, same old reheated food? Explain the results of this diet in your spiritual life as a whole.

6. What does Jesus promise to those who come to him in faith for spiritual nourishment (vv. 37-40)?

7. How does the crowd's understanding of where Jesus came from parallel what they thought about Jesus' offer of bread (vv. 41-42)?

8. Jesus makes some startling claims in this passage: to satisfy our deepest needs and desires, to come from God the Father, to preserve us as his children, to raise our bodies from the dead on the last day, to be the source of eternal life. How do these claims compare with what most people in our society believe about Jesus?

9. What does Jesus want the people in the crowd (or people reading this account today) to conclude about who he is?