

“Closer Walk” Bible Study

The Gospel Of John Chapter 6:25-71

Purpose: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. What type of bread are you today: All natural? Rye? Moldy? Crusty? Fresh? Easy to butter up?
2. How did you feel when you were first rejected by a friend or sweetheart?

Getting us into Scripture

3. Why are the crowds still searching for Jesus (vv. 24-26)?
4. How does Jesus' response to their question show the difference between his interests and theirs?
5. How are they to work for the food that leads to eternal life (v. 29)?
6. What does the crowd ask Jesus to do in order that they can believe him? What is their real interest?
7. How does Jesus use their interest in food to illustrate what he wants them to understand? What are the similarities and differences between manna (Exodus 16) and the “bread of life” (v. 35)?
8. What claims does Jesus make in verses 35-40? What do these claims emphasize about his being the bread of life? About the will of the Father?
9. In verses 41-42, how do the crowds respond to his claims? How is the principle of the hometown prophet (see 4:44) played out here?
10. What part is played by God and by the people in the process of coming to know Jesus (vv. 44-45)? What promise is repeated three times for those who do come to him? Why the emphasis on this?
11. How is the “bread” he gives greater than that of Moses (vv. 32, 49)?
12. Why does Jesus develop the food analogy even more graphically (vv. 53-58)?
13. What does Jesus mean by “eating his flesh” and “drinking his blood” (vv. 51-58)?
14. What teaching do Jesus' followers find so unacceptable (6:54-56)?
15. Why do you think Peter and the others decided to stay? How does this relate to verse 65?

Getting Scripture into us

16. What is the main reason you follow Jesus?
17. How would you describe your daily spiritual diet: Junk food? Frozen food? Baby food? TV microwave food? Leftovers? Meat and potatoes? Pure bread and wine?
18. Has your familiarity with Jesus (from Sunday School stories, parochial school, etc.) ever kept you from seeing who he really is? What can remove the blinders?
19. If someone asked, “How do you hunger and thirst after God,” what counsel could you offer?
20. What words of Jesus are hard for you to accept?
21. Have you known anyone who stopped following Jesus? How did their action affect you?
22. How do people today make Jesus into an errand boy for their own personal agendas? How have you been tempted to do so?