

What part is played by God and by the people in the process of coming to know Jesus (verses 44 and 45)? What promise is repeated three times for those who do come to Him? Why the emphasis on this?

How is the “bread” He gives greater than that of Moses (verses 32 and 49)?

Why does Jesus develop the food analogy even more graphically (verses 53 – 58)?

What does Jesus mean by “eating His flesh” and “drinking His blood” (verses 51 – 58)?

How do you hunger and thirst after God? Discuss

Finish by praying for each other. Pray for each other, that we would all find nourishment in Jesus Christ. Pray that we would trust Him, no matter what the circumstances.



A Light in the Darkness

The Gospel of John

Growth Group Study Guide

Week 5

12 March 2023

“Bread of Life”

John 6: 1-15, 25-59

Series Overview:

In this ten week series, we will look at a Gospel book that is quite different to the other three Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). John wrote this book much later than the other writers, and used a different technique and style. We will reflect on passages and stories that are unique to this Gospel, and seek to capture the passion and desire of the author. John primarily wrote this letter so that the readers would believe in Christ, who he describes as a Light in the Darkness. May the Light of Christ shine into our lives as we spend time in this book, and help us to believe in the One who came to bring life in all of its abundance.

Have you ever been in a difficult situation that was out of your control?

How did you react?

How was it solved?

Read John 6 : 1-15

What do you notice in this story?

How did the disciples react?

How was the problem solved?

Read John 6: 25-59

Can you make any connections between v.25-59 and v.1-15?

What stands out to you?

Why do you think the crowds are still searching for Jesus (v. 24–26)?

How does Jesus's response to their question show the difference between His interests and theirs?

How are they to work for the food that leads to eternal life (verse 29)?

What does the crowd ask Jesus to do in order that they can believe Him? What is their real interest?

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" (verse 35)?

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?

In verses 41 and 42, how do the crowds respond to His claims? How is the principle of the hometown prophet (see John 4: 4) played out here?