



**Anybody Hungry?
The Bread of Life
John 6:1-59**

Big Idea: The Bread of Life provides for the body and points to the life only He can give.

I. Bread Provided [John 6:1-13]

- A. A Hungry Crowd [1-3]
- B. A Human Problem [4-9]
- C. A Divine Provision [10-11]
- D. An Abundant Supply [12-13]

Heart Question: What small thing in your life are you holding back instead of placing in Jesus' hands?

II. Bread Misunderstood [John 6:14-34]

Heart Question: Am I seeking Jesus... or just what Jesus can give me?

III. Bread Revealed [John 6:35-40]

Heart Question: Where am I looking for satisfaction that only Christ can give?

IV. Bread Rejected [John 6:41-59]

Heart Question: Have I truly received Christ, or am I just familiar with Him?

Study Question [Challenge and Prayer]

[1] Read John 6:26-27, 35. What does the miracle of the loaves teach us about the difference between seeking Jesus for what He gives and seeking Him for who He is?

[2] Challenge: This week, take time to examine what you are truly hungry for. Ask yourself:

- [a] Am I pursuing Jesus primarily for blessings, or for relationship with Him?
- [b] Am I trying to satisfy my heart with temporary things instead of Christ?
- [c] What small thing in my life do I need to place in Jesus' hands like the boy with the loaves?

[3] Prayer Focus: Each day this week, spend time in Scripture and prayer, asking Christ to become your true satisfaction rather than relying on the things of this world.

[John 6:1-3] After this [healing of the lame man in Jerusalem] Jesus went away to the other side [Matthew 14:13-14:21, Mark 6:32 – 6:44, Luke 9:10-17] of the Sea of Galilee, [Matthew 4:18] which is the Sea of Tiberias. [21:1] [Another name for the Sea of Galilee, in honor of the town of Tiberias, built by Herod between a.d. 20–30] And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. [not because they wanted to obey Jesus] ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, [6:15] and there he sat down with his disciples. [grass was usually green at Passover]

[John 6:4-9] ⁴ Now the Passover, [2:13, 11:55, Exodus 12] the feast of the Jews, [5:1, 7:2] was at hand. ⁵ Lifting up his eyes, [Luke 6:20] then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, [1:44] "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii [day's wage for a laborer] worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." [Mark 6:37] ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, [1:40, 44] said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" [2 Kings 4:42–44]

[John 6:10-11] Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass [serves as a place of rest mirroring Psalm 23] in the place. So the men sat down, about 5000 in number. [Mark 6:39] ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. [6:23, Matthew 15:36] So also the fish, as much as they wanted.

[John 6:12-13] And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

[John 6:35-40] Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; [6:41, 48, 51, 58] whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. [4:14, 7:37, 5:40, Matthew 11:28, Revelation 7:16] ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that [6:39, 17:2] the Father gives me will come to me, [10:29, 17:6, 9, 24] and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. [10:28, 17:12] ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, [3:13] not to do my own will [5:30] but the will of him [5:30] who sent me. [4:34] ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, [10:28, 29, Matthew 18:14] that I should lose nothing [17:12, 18:9] of all that he has given me, [6:37] but raise it up on the last day. [6:40, 44, 54, 11:25, 1 Corinthians 6:14] ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son [12:45, 14:17, 19] and believes in him [6:47, 3:15, 16] should have eternal life, [6:27, 6:54, 4:14] and I will raise him up on the last day."

[John 6:44] No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. [12:32, 6:65, 4:23, Jeremiah 31:3, Hosea 1:4]