

# Home Groups Questions

## July 18, 2010

### Three Motivations for Following Jesus

#### John 6:14-69

**Leaders:** The questions below are inspired by Sunday morning's sermon. Please take time to review the questions and use them as a tool for discussion in your Home Group. It may be that we have provided more questions than you will have time to answer. If this is the case, please adjust or adapt the questions to fit your group.

**Icebreakers/ Conversation Starters – These are random questions designed to create community and encourage conversation.**

1. When was the last time you went back to the neighborhood where you were raised or one of the schools you attended? In what ways, if any, were you surprised about the changes?
2. What is the hungriest you have ever been? What food finally relieved your hunger and where did you get it?
3. If a person wanted to motivate you with the promise of some kind of food, what kind of food should they use? What would definitely not work?

**Turn to John 6:14-69 and read it.**

**What stands out most to you about the passage and message from this morning's sermon?**

#### **I. Some hope Jesus will be their "Bread for Life" (v. 26-27)**

*"Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. <sup>27</sup>"Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."*

1. In John 6:1-14, Jesus fed the multitudes and they were satisfied. Now in verses 26-27, Jesus is frustrated that they were following him after the feeding. What is at the heart of Jesus' concern?
2. It has been said that Christians seek the hands of God (his blessings, gifts, etc) more than the face of God (his heart, will, etc). Would you agree or disagree with that statement? Why?
3. What does Jesus mean about not working for food that perishes, but for food that endures to eternal life? How should this impact our daily lives?

## II. Some hope Jesus will be their "Bread Winner" (v. 14–15)

*"Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, 'This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world. So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.'"*

1. The Jews were looking for a king, but Jesus knew the hearts of the people and knew his kingdom and purposes were not the same as the crowd. Is there a danger for modern believers to make Jesus into our own image rather than seeking to understand the Biblical Jesus? How do we keep from distorting the message and purposes of Jesus for our own agenda?
2. Do you think our familiarity with Jesus ever keeps us from seeing who he really is?
3. At this point in your life, what are you looking for from Jesus? Is what you are looking for physical (like the bread and fish), or a long-term benefit? Explain.
4. It has been said that, "Evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread," what could you say to another beggar about where you have found "bread" in your life?

## III. Some trust Jesus to be their "Bread of Life" (v. 40, 58)

*"For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day... This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever."*

1. Jesus makes it clear that the "bread" Jesus offers is greater than the manna Moses gave in the desert. In what way is it greater?
2. Jesus says in verse 37, "All the Father gives me will come to me." Is this coming to Jesus a matter of God's choosing, our choosing or a combination of both?

### Calendar:

- July 18 – Normal Home Groups
- July 25 – No Home Groups (PM Service)
- August 1– Normal Home Groups