

I AM the Bread of Life
Questions Week of 9/15/2014

Read John 5:45-6:71 along with Exodus 16:4-15 and Deut 18:15.

1. Most commentators believe that John 6 takes place during Passover. How does this context help you understand what Jesus means in John 5:45-47? What were the expectations of the people regarding "the Prophet" and how did they react to Jesus after He fed the 5000. (See 6:14-15)

2. Why are the people seeking Jesus? (6:25-29) and what is Jesus' response to them and their questions in v28? Who is the True Source of the Bread from Heaven? Who is Jesus?

3. There is no mention of the Last Supper or Communion in John's gospel, but all four gospels have an account of the feeding of the 5000. Why do you think people find what Jesus says in 6:35; 48-58 difficult to understand? Is it possible that 2000 years of church history has clouded the average person's perception of Jesus' words? Does Deut 8:3 help? What do you think He means by these words?

4. Many times in the Christian life we have a hard time figuring out what God's will is. What does this passage say about God's will? (verse 40) (see John 3:14, Numbers 21:19) How do we come to obey God's will? If you are In Christ, think about how you came to believe in the Son and reflect upon God's hand in that process.

5. The "Word" is a central theme of the book of John. We see the Word (Christ) at work throughout John 6. We see that He has a vastly polarizing effect on people. See verses 66-69. Which category do you find yourself falling into? 1: The disciples who "turned back and no longer walked with Jesus"? (verse 41) or the twelve who believed that Jesus is Lord, that He has the words of eternal life? "You are the Holy One of God." By observing Jesus in John 6, how should we approach people who fall into category "1"?