

Study Guide for August 17th, 2008. Hungry for life. John 6:22-33.

Introduction: When have you become aware that some long sought after goal, though achieved, did not provide the satisfaction you were expecting?

I. Seeking for Jesus: John 6:22-26

- A. What does the crowd discover the next morning? How do they then respond?
- B. How does John refer back to the miracle of the feeding (see vs. 23)?
- C. What does the crowd ask Jesus? What might have happened if Jesus told them?
- D. According to Jesus, what is the real motive for the crowd seeking him out (vs. 26)?
- E. Augustine wrote, "How seldom Jesus is sought for the sake of Jesus." Comment.

II. Working for food that lasts: John 6:27-29

- A. Fill in the blanks and reflect on the implications of vs. 27
Do not _____ for food that _____, but for food that _____ to eternal life, which the Son of _____ shall _____ you. On him God the Father has placed his _____ of approval.
- B. What theological misunderstanding is revealed by the crowd's question (vs. 28)?
- C. How does Jesus response (vs. 29) to their question (vs. 28) clear up the confusion?
- D. Relate the following passages to this dialogue: 1) John 3:16-17: 2) I John 3:23:
- E. What helped you understand that salvation is a gift received by faith not works?

III. Receiving the bread of heaven: John 6:30-35

- A. What claim is implied by the crowd's questions (vs. 30)? Were they sincere?
- B. Review the account of God providing manna for the children of Israel (Ex. 16)
What lessons was God trying to teach the people with means of sustenance?
- C. How was that provision later remembered? (see Neh. 9:13-17 & Ps. 78:17-27)
- D. According to Jesus, who was the real source of the manna in the wilderness?
- E. Jesus identifies himself as the true bread, who comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world. What are the implications of that claim for Jesus' audience and us?