



All Christians' Fellowship International

INTERACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

TOPIC: Jesus the Bread of Life

TEXT: John 6:1-71

Instructions - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction: Do you, realize that during you, lifetime you will probably spend over, thirty-five thousand hours eating? That's the equivalent of eight years of non-stop meals, twelve hours a day! The problem, of course, is that even after a big meal we get hungry again. At best, food only satisfies us for a few hours. Yet in this chapter, Jesus offers us food that satisfies our hunger forever. You can't buy it in a grocery store. It is found only in Jesus himself.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you usually respond to a seemingly "impossible" situation - a problem in your life that doesn't seem to have a solution?
2. Read John 6:1-15. How would you characterize Philip's and Andrew's response to the problem of feeding this enormous crowd (v. 5-9)?
3. If Jesus knew what he was going to do (v. 6), why do you think he asked these two disciples for advice?
4. How do you think the disciples felt as they gathered up the pieces left over (v. 12-13)?
5. What insights does this passage give you into how Christ may be at work in the difficult situations in your life?
6. Read John 6:16-42. Imagine that you are one of the disciples, rowing the boat in dark, rough waters (v. 16-21). How would your concept of Jesus have been altered by seeing him walk on water?
7. The next day the people were hungry again, so they came seeking Jesus (v. 22-25). How does he try to redirect their thinking (v. 26-33)?
8. How does Jesus' claim to be the bread of life (v. 35) relate to his miraculous feeding of the five thousand (v. 1-13)?

9. Based on the remarks of some in the crowd (v. 41-42), do you think they finally understood what Jesus was saying? Explain.

10. Read John 6:43-59. When Jesus said, "This bread is my flesh," the crowd could think only of cannibalism (v. 52). What do you think it means to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood (v. 53-59)? - Is this something we do once for all time, or is it an ongoing process? Explain

11. Read John 6:60-71. In these verses Jesus turns away from the crowd and focuses on his disciples. How would you describe their responses to his "hard teaching"? - Which response best describes your present attitude toward Jesus? Explain.

12. Jesus has contrasted the two appetites found in every person-the appetite for food that perishes and the appetite for food that endures. Discuss your experience of when Jesus satisfied the spiritual hunger in your heart in the time past?