

John 6:25-71

Tuesday Bible Study: Week 9



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1. The crowd tracks Jesus down after the feeding of the five thousand, but Jesus cuts straight to their motives: “You are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.” What does Jesus identify as their true motive?
 - a. Have you ever yourself seeking God primarily for what he can give you, rather than for who he is? What is the difference between those two postures?

2. Jesus tells the crowd to work for “the food that endures for eternal life.” They respond by asking what works they should do. How does Jesus answer them? How does this exchange challenge the way we tend to think about what God requires of us? What does it look like to “work” at believing?

3. The crowd asks Jesus for a sign, even though they just witnessed the miracle of the loaves. Have you ever heard someone use “lack of evidence” as a reason not to believe? What do you think “convinces” people to have a life of faith?

4. Jesus declares, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” How does this statement echo other things we know about Jesus identity in John? How does this claim build on what we have seen in the Gospel so far? What pattern is John drawing for us?

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5. In verses 51–58, Jesus uses startlingly physical language. The Church has understood this passage as pointing toward the sacrament of Holy Communion. What does it mean to you that Jesus offers himself not just as a teacher or example, but as food? Does receiving the Eucharist shape your life with God in ways that go beyond what words or ideas?

6. Many of Jesus’ disciples respond to this teaching by saying, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” and they turn away. What makes this teaching so difficult? Is there a teaching of the Christian faith that you have found particularly hard to accept or live into?

7. When many disciples leave, Jesus turns to the Twelve and asks, “Do you also wish to go away?” Peter answers, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” What sustains you in the seasons when faith feels most like a decision to stay rather than a feeling of confidence?