

Message Notes | The God We Need

Part 1: The Bread of Life

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1. What's one thing you really *needed* when you were younger (a toy, trend, milestone), but now you look back and laugh at it?
2. How do the things we think we "need" change as we go through different stages of life? In what ways are adults not that different from toddlers with their blankets?
3. **Read John 6:15.** What miracle happened right before this verse? Based on the context, what type of king were the people hoping Jesus would be?

Do we ever have a similar attitude to the crowds? Explain your answer.

4. **Read John 6:25-27.** Explain the difference between "food that spoils" vs. "food that endures to eternal life."

Does God still care about our earthly temporal needs? Explain your answer and if possible, use Biblical passages or examples to support it.

5. **Read John 6:30-33.** Jesus said that he is going to give "zoe" life to the world. In what ways do you see people trying to fill "zoe needs" with "bios solutions"? How has it worked out?
6. **Read John 6:35.** Jesus is the bread of life. How does Jesus fill your "zoe needs"? (love, acceptance, identity, security)

7. What does it mean to desire the Giver more than the gifts?

What is one way (mindshift, calendar item, etc) that you could grow your "relationship" with Jesus.

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Bible Reading for Today

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²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

²⁸ Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

³⁰ So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

³² Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."