

A HEART LIKE JESUS (June 4, 2017)

Jesus, The Bread of Life (John 6:22-59)

Small Group Study Notes

Getting to know you: Where do you retreat when you need some rest and relaxation?

- ❖ Consider serving some homemade bread or bread from a bakery as you work through this lesson.
- We will be reading John 6:22-59...what two miracles just occurred?

1) Searching (Read John 6:22-29)

- These folks travel to Capernaum looking for Jesus...how do they address Jesus and what do they ask Him (vs. 25)?
- What does Jesus' response indicate (vs. 26)?
- How do we see consumerism in the church today?
- What are some of the perishable things of life we spend our time pursuing? What about eternal things?
- In what instances do we see God the Father's seal of approval on Jesus?
- These folks wanted to do spectacular works like Jesus (vs. 28) but according to Jesus, what is the greatest work (vs. 29)?
- Many religions have a "work base" salvation. How does this differ from what the Bible teaches?

2) Satisfaction (Read John 6:30-50)

- What miracle in the O.T. did these Jews point to and to whom did they credit it? (Exodus 16)
- Why do you think Jesus corrects them (vs. 32)?
- Jesus makes one of seven Great I Am statements in John (vs. 35)...I am the bread of life. Can you think of any of the others?
- Doctrinal lessons to review: talk briefly about the sovereignty of God in salvation and the free will of man (vs. 37), eternal security (vs. 39), and the promise of a future resurrection (vs. 39).
- Why did the people have a hard time believing? Jesus had come down from Heaven (vs. 42).

3) Struggling (Read John 6:51-59)

- What did Jesus mean...eat the bread (vs. 51)
- What were the people confused about (vs. 52)?
- What "doctrine" have our Catholic friends practiced because of this passage? Do you agree or disagree with them? How might their teaching be dangerous?
- Elaborate: compare eating with salvation:
 - o Both are necessary for life.
 - o Both are the result of a hunger within.
 - o Both require personal involvement.

CLOSE:

- What questions do you have about this lesson?
- What do you find helpful?
- The next time you enjoy a slice of bread think about your Savior who came from Heaven so that you might have eternal life.