



DOWN
TO
EARTH

JOHN 1-6

Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Call To Worship

["God So Loved"](#)

Welcome & Announcements

[Isaiah 55:1-3](#)

Bergthold, Cash

Pastor Cole Griffin

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Pastoral Prayer

["I Stand Amazed in the Presence"](#)

["Nothing But the Blood"](#)

Missionary Update: Julio & Olga Chiang

Pastor Cole Griffin

Elkins, Hutchinson, Noblitt

Lowry

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word

[John 6:22-59](#)

Reader: This is God's Word for us today.

All: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:3)

["Jesus Messiah"](#)

Benediction

Carson, Cash, Reeves, Tomlin

Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon: Bread From Heaven

Scripture: John [6:22-59](#)

Date: May 10, 2020

Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

You need to know where you're going in order to get there. The crowds were looking for Jesus, but somehow lost track of him. Upon finding them again, their motives are quickly revealed by Jesus: they simply got hungry again and wanted him to feed them. Was this what Jesus intended? Did Jesus simply want us to come to him to fill our bellies? No way. Jesus repeatedly declares that he came to give life everlasting to those who receive him and believe in his name. And those that eat of this bread get the true bread from heaven.

Discussion Questions

1. How important is knowing your destination before going out for a drive? What effects have devices (like a GPS or smartphones) had on your navigation skills? In what sense has your relationship with Christ impacted how and where you navigate your life?
2. What is it that the crowd is seeking when they go in search of Jesus? How did their immediate desires overtake their true need? What are you seeking? What are ways you are tempted to have Jesus meet your desires rather than your truest need?
3. What promises does Jesus give to those who receive Him as the bread of life (vs. [35-40](#))? What guarantee can we have that he will make good on his promises? What are ways you struggle to always trust in Christ's promises? How can we combat this struggle?
4. How does Jesus distinguish the "bread from heaven" given in the wilderness and the true "bread from heaven" (vs. [48-50](#))? How is the outcome of the Israelites different than the outcome Jesus promises? How can we know if we are seeking the right bread?
5. What must be done to receive this bread from heaven? Why can this be the hardest step for anyone to take? How can we grow our trust in Jesus to be our true source of nourishment? What are helpful ways we can experience Jesus as our sustainer?

Next Week's Sermon Preparation

These questions are for personal use during the week to help you prepare for next week's passage, [John 6:60-71](#).

Context

1. What has happened so far in the narrative? Have there been any major events, characters, or themes?
2. What has happened just prior to the section you are reading?

Observation

1. What do you learn about the main characters in this section? How does the author describe them? How do they describe themselves?
2. Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
3. Is there a conflict or high point in the passage?
4. Do you think there is a main point or theme in this section of the story?
5. What surprises are there?

Meaning

1. Are there any 'editorial' comments from the author about the events in the narrative? How do these comments illuminate what is happening?
2. Does someone in the narrative learn something or grow in some way? How? What does this person learn?
3. What does the passage reveal about who Jesus is, and what he came into the world to do?
4. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

Application

1. How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
2. Is there some attitude you need to change?
3. What does this passage teach you about being a disciple of Jesus?

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[Julio & Olga Chiang](#)

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Julio and Olga are church-planters based in Lima, Peru. Both born in Peru, they have been missionaries with South America Mission (SAM) for 15 years. They have three daughters: Camila, Miranda, and Natalia.

Julio learned to ride a motorcycle at the age of 8 and God granted him much success as a professional motocross rider winning 10 National and 2 Latin American titles. Olga started a crisis pregnancy center and Julio an evangelistic ministry to reach motocross riders and their families. In 2004, Julio and Olga moved to Pucallpa, Peru and used motocross as a platform for sharing the gospel which led to the planting of Mil Palmeras Church. During their time serving in Pucallpa, they shared their passion for discipling and training godly leaders within the context of the local church. After many years ministering in Pucallpa, they felt the Lord's leading to Lima to start the Lima Initiative. This is a movement for the social, cultural and spiritual transformation of the city. Their goal is to develop a network of gospel-centered churches, provide urban church planting training, and cooperation among different organizations to facilitate a gospel movement in the cities of Peru.

Currently, the Chiangs are in Lima leading and pastoring Iglesia de la Ciudad (City Church) with an initial church in La Molina and a second one planned in Miraflores for the Fall of 2019. Also, in partnership with City to City Latin America, Julio and Olga are building gospel ecosystems for leading Latin American cities through the development of urban church planters.

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Ruth Heapes

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Last Week: Livestream Attendance: 270 households

Giving: Last Week: \$23,496 YTD: \$569,395 +/- Budget: \$24,719

Here are some key words to listen for in the sermon. Make a mark every time you hear these words:

SEEKING

BREAD

LIFE

HEAVEN

GRUMBLE



Bread From Heaven

Use a copy of the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible to fill in the missing words below from John 6:35-37. Then listen to the message and fill in the outline below.

" _____ said to them, 'I am the _____ of _____; whoever comes to me shall not _____, and whoever _____ in me shall never _____. But I said to you that you have _____ me and yet do not _____. _____ that the _____ gives me will _____ to me, and whoever _____ to me I will _____ cast out.'" Jn 6:35-37

OUTLINE OF TODAY'S PASSAGE

- I. _____ are you _____? (v. 22-26)
- II. _____ it _____? (v. 27-31)
- III. _____ are you going to _____ it? (v. 32-40)
- IV. _____ if you don't _____ it? (v. 41-51)
- V. _____ you actually _____ it? (v. 52-59)



AFTER THE SERMON ACTIVITY

Make bread together as a family. If you are a family that is used to making your own bread, feel free to use your own recipe, if baking is not your thing, feel free to keep it simple or make something like banana bread instead. Remind your children that when Jesus said that he was the bread of life, it was Passover time. This would've brought up two Old Testament events in the minds of his listeners: 1) The First Passover (Ex 12) and 2) the Lord providing manna for Israel in the wilderness (Ex 16). Not only that but he had just fed the people with bread miraculously (Jn 6:11). (You may want to review these events as a family). So when Jesus says HE IS the bread of life. What does this mean? Talk with your child about how much work it is to make bread. Read the dangerous words of the crowd in John 6:28: *What must we DO?* Jesus is talking to people who have been working and working and working to try to get into heaven—it is hard work. It is repetitive work. (A lot like making bread). But how did Israel get bread in the wilderness? (It was given to them by a good God) and how did they get bread in the verses before (Jesus provided). Jesus is saying that WE DON'T DO ANYTHING to gain eternal life, but that Jesus is the one who does and provides for us. There's a reason someone invented a way for us to be able to just go to the store and buy bread, it's easier (and depending on how good of a baker you are it might be better). But Jesus is ALWAYS the better way and Jesus is the ONLY way we can be truly satisfied in our souls. Our salvation and joy can never come from what we do—but only through Jesus. As you eat your bread, reflect on this verse and perhaps work on memorizing and discussing it throughout the week, "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!" Psalm 34:8



REVIEW TODAY'S MESSAGE BY DISCUSSING THESE QUESTIONS AS A FAMILY:

- 1. **WHAT HAPPENED IN TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE? RETELL IT AS BEST YOU CAN IN YOUR OWN WORDS. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU REMEMBER JESUS SAYING?**
- 2. **THE CROWDS IN TODAY'S PASSAGE WERE SEEKING/WANTING JESUS BECAUSE OF WHAT HE COULD DO, NOT BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS? WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT JESUS? WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT JESUS CAN DO FOR YOU? WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE BEAUTIFUL ABOUT JESUS HIMSELF? WHICH OF THESE IS MORE APPEALING TO YOU?**
- 3. **WHEN THE ISRAELITES WERE GIVEN MANNA BY A GOOD AND LOVING GOD, THEY COMPLAINED. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT LATELY? HOW COULD REMEMBERING THAT GOD IS IN CONTROL OF THOSE THINGS HELP YOU TO HAVE A HUMBLY GRATEFUL (INSTEAD OF A GRUMBLY HATEFUL) RESPONSE TO THAT SITUATION?**

