

THE BREAD OF LIFE- PT.II

TEXT: John 6:41-71

Jesus continues his discourse on the bread of life, hearing and answering objections from the crowds. Jesus reveals how the Father sovereignly works to bring his people to Jesus and keep them until the last day and the Spirit gives life to the flesh. Salvation is a work of God from start to finish. Only those who believe, feasting on the bread of life, will live forever. Will we, like the hearers of Jesus in this passage, turn away from him? Or will we, with Simon Peter, embrace even the most difficult teachings of Christ, knowing that he alone has the words of eternal life?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **HEAD:** Questions aimed at our minds to help us *understand* God's word.
 - Why do the Jews grumble about the claim of Jesus as the Bread of Life? Where else have we seen this kind of unbelief in John's Gospel?
 - What's the theological reason Jesus gives for their unbelief (v.44-46)?
2. **HEART:** Questions aimed at our affections to help us *love* God.
 - Why is the truth of God's sovereignty in salvation be difficult for us to embrace?
 - In verses 53-58 Jesus uses a shocking illustration. What is Jesus teaching here about our need and his identity?
3. **HANDS:** Questions aimed at our hands to help us *live for* God (Personally, Communally, and Missionally).
 - What hard teachings of God's word are hard for you to embrace? How do you respond when you encounter these things?
 - How does this passage encourage us as we share the difficult truths of the Gospel with an unbelieving world?

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- Skeptical Grumbling and Sovereign Grace by John Piper (Sermon)
<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/skeptical-grumbling-and-sovereign-grace>