



## "I AM The Bread of Life"

**Exodus 3:14 (NIV)** *I am who I am.*

**Bread was essential to SUSTAIN life, not just a luxury.**

**John 6:25-35 (NIV)** *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.*

**John 6:60 (NIV)** *On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"*

**John 6:66 (NIV)** *From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.*

**Jesus exposes three things about the people:**

1. Exposes their NEED.
2. Exposes their MOTIVATION.
3. Exposes their ALLEGIANCE.

**...looking for the BENEFITS they can get from Jesus, not the RELATIONSHIP that they can have with Jesus.**

**John 6:53-54 (NIV)** *Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."*

**Jesus is the only BREAD in the world that will BREAK for you.**

**Additional Notes:**

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### scriptures that relate

Monday: John 6:1-15

Wed.: John 6:22-31

Friday: John 6:41-59

Tuesday: John 6:16-21

Thurs.: John 6:32-40

Saturday: John 6:60-70

### small groups—talk it over

1. What "bread" are you holding on to that continues to leave you hungry and thirsty? What steps do you need to take to let it go?
2. Jesus says in John 6:29: *The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.* Have you pondered the simplicity of Jesus' words? This sounds so simple. Is it?
3. In what ways are you seeking the benefits of Christianity, but not the Christ of Christianity? What steps do you need to take to correct it?

### pastor lesley's prayer requests

**Monday:** Pray for the children's leadership team as they lean into God for His direction.

**Tuesday:** Pray for all students who are returning to or starting school.

**Wednesday:** Pray for the Children's Ministry volunteers as they help disciple our kids every week.

**Thursday:** Pray for our students to be an impact for Jesus in their circles.

**Friday:** Pray for more willing adults to pour into the lives of our students.

**Saturday:** Pray for Sunday's lesson to be impactful for all who hear it.