

(read in 10 minutes, study in 1-20 hours)

Ice breaker: Tell us of your favorite food or restaurant and how you think before, during and after eating.

Discussion questions

1. Why does Jesus go up into a nearby hill? (6:3, 6:15)

2. Bonus: (a) Where is the feeding of the 5000?

(b) Where does the boat land: after the storm, Jesus walks on the water in the middle of the Sea of Galilee, the 12 disciples see and fear, Peter tries to walk on the water and sinks, Jesus enters the boat, and they are "immediately" taken to?

(a)

(b)

3. All believers will be "raised" at the "last day" (6:39, 40, 44, 54). What does "raised" And "last day" mean to you?

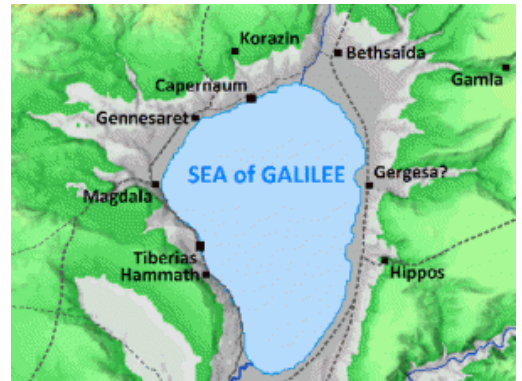
Raised:

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4. All believers in Jesus as the Son of Man (6:27, 62) are given from God the Father to Jesus (6:37, 39, 44, 45, 65) and will not be cast out (6:37).

What does this mean to you?

5. What happens when I/we eat of the Bread of Life?



1-15 Fed the 5,000 at Sea of Galilee (Matthew >10-15K, 5 Barley Loaves & 2 Small Fish, only miracle in 4 gospels)

(31) ¹ After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is [the sea] of Tiberias. ² And a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His **miracles** which He did on them that were **diseased**. ³ And Jesus went up into a **mountain**, and there He **sat** with His **disciples**. ⁴ And the **passover**, a feast of the Jews, was **near**. ⁵ When Jesus then lifted up [His] eyes, and saw a great company come unto Him, he said unto **Philip**, **Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?** ⁶ And this He said to prove him: for He Himself knew what He would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. ⁸ One of His disciples, **Andrew**, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, ⁹ There is a lad here, which has five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? ¹⁰ And Jesus said, **Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.** ¹¹ And Jesus took the loaves; and when He had given thanks, He **distributed** to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. ¹² When they were **filled**, He said unto His disciples, **Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.** ¹³ Therefore they gathered them together, and **filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves**, which remained over and above to them that had eaten. ¹⁴ Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that **prophet** that should come into the world. ¹⁵ When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take Him by force, to make him a king, He departed again into a **mountain** Himself **alone**.

Note: The time setting. John 6 is when Jesus is at the height of popularity in Galilee, over 2 years into his 3 ½ year ministry; over a year after John 4 and around 6 months after John 5. This is near the time of the 3rd Passover. Herod the Tetrarch rules Galilee from Tiberias. He just killed John the Baptist and desires to see Jesus (Luke 9:7-9) and the 12 disciples just returned from their 1st missionary trip. Jesus healed everyone who came to him in the day at a location south of Bethsaida (Luke 9:10-12).

Q1 – What can the 12 baskets of bread left over signify?

A – The perfect government and provision of God. The 12 apostles and the 12 children of Israel. (Rev 21:12-14)

Q2 - Who is the prophet that should come into the world? (John 6:14)

A - Jesus Christ spoke of himself (Duet 18:15) as a prophet, as the woman at the well. He died as a prophet, now is priest, and returns as king.

16-21 Disciples Go on Boat to Capernaum and Jesus Walks on Water

(32) ¹⁶ And when **evening** was [now] come, His disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ And entered into a boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now **dark**, and Jesus was not come to them. ¹⁸ And the sea arose by reason of **a great wind** that blew. ¹⁹ So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing near to the boat: and they were afraid. ²⁰ But He said unto them, **It is I; be not afraid.** ²¹ Then they willingly received Him into the boat: and **immediately** the boat was at the **land** where they went.

Note: The dark was during the 4th watch or between 3 to 6 am, Jewish time. Here the sea is around 7 miles wide. They were going to Capernaum but landed in Gennesaret (Matthew 14:34-36).

22-29 Believing that God Sent Jesus (whom God sealed) is More Important than Miracles

(33) ²² The **day following**, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, save that one where into His disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with His disciples into the boat, but [that] His disciples were gone away alone; ²³ (Howbeit there came **other boats from Tiberias** near to the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:) ²⁴ When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither His disciples, they also took boats, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. ²⁵ And when they had found Him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, **Rabbi**, when came you here? ²⁶ Jesus answered them and said, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek Me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.** ²⁷ **Labor not** for the meat which perishes, but for that meat which endures to everlasting life, which the **Son of Man** shall give unto you: for Him has God the Father **sealed**. ²⁸ Then said they unto Him, What shall we do, that we might **work the works of God**? ²⁹ Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He has sent.**

Note: 6:27-30 work is ergon/Labor is ergazomai that includes trade. 6:27 sealed. Ephesian 1:13, 4:30.

John Chapter 6

30-40 The Father Gave us the Bread of Life and Promise to Rise on the Last Day

(34) ³⁰ They said therefore unto Him, What sign show You then, that we may see, and believe You? what do You work? ³¹ Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. ³² Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say to you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is He which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world. ³⁴ Then said they unto Him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. ³⁵ And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life:** he that comes to Me shall never hunger; and he that believes on Me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you, That ye also have seen Me, and believe not. ³⁷ All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me; and him that comes to Me I will in no wise cast out. ³⁸ For I came down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him that sent Me. ³⁹ And this is the Father's will which has sent Me, that of all which He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. ⁴⁰ And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that everyone which sees the Son, and believes on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Note: 6:31. It is written in Exodus 16:14-15 and Psalm 78:24-25.

41-50 Jesus is the Bread (manna) from Heaven - The Father Draws Us to Jesus and Teaches Us

(35) ⁴¹ The Jews then murmured at Him, because He said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. ⁴² And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he says, I came down from heaven? ⁴³ Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No man can come to me, except the Father which has sent Me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, **And they shall be all taught of God.** Every man therefore that has heard, and has learned of the Father, comes to Me. ⁴⁶ Not that any man has seen the Father, save He which is of God, He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes on Me has everlasting life. ⁴⁸ **I am that bread of life.** ⁴⁹ Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. ⁵⁰ This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

Note: 6:45. Taught of God refers to the church age and the millennium: Isaiah 54:13-14, Micah 4:1-4, Jeremiah 31:31-34, and 1 Thessalonians 4:9

51-59 Jesus Invites Us to Eat His Flesh and Drink His Blood so We can Dwell in Him and He can Dwell in Us

(36) ⁵¹ I Am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. ⁵² The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us [His] flesh to eat? ⁵³ Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say to you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoso eats My flesh, and drinks My blood, has eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶ He that eats My flesh, and drinks My blood, dwells in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father has sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eats Me, even he shall live by Me. ⁵⁸ This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eats of this bread shall live forever. ⁵⁹ These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

60-71 Jesus' Words of Truth Turns Many Disciples Away from Following Him

(37) ⁶⁰ Many therefore of His disciples, when they had heard [this], said, This is a hard saying; who can hear it? ⁶¹ When Jesus knew in Himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Does this offend you? ⁶² [What] and if ye shall see the **Son of Man ascend up where He was before?** ⁶³ It is the Spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, [they] are spirit, and [they] are life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray Him. ⁶⁵ And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that **no man can come to Me, except it were given to him of my Father.** ⁶⁶ From that [time] many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him. ⁶⁷ Then said Jesus to the twelve, Will ye also go away? ⁶⁸ Then **Simon Peter** answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? you have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ And we believe and are sure that You are that Christ, the Son of the Living God. ⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, **Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a demon?** ⁷¹ He spoke of Judas Iscariot [the son] of Simon: for he it was that should betray Him, being one of the twelve.