

## **Bible Study** **John 6:41-51**

### **Opening Question:**

When you first decided to follow Jesus and his teaching, what were you expecting in return? How have your expectations changed since then?

### **Read John 6:41-51**

Take a moment and let the enormity of Jesus' words sink in. With these words, Jesus claimed the sign the people were looking for was standing right before their eyes.

1. What is the 'bread of life'?
  - a. How does this 'bread of life' differ from the manna that Moses gave?
  - b. How is it made available and how can we partake of it?
  
2. Why were the Jews grumbling about where Jesus came from rather than what He said he would do?
  - a. Where else have we seen the Jews grumbling? How is it similar? (Exodus 16:2-4, 17:3-7, Numbers 14:1-4, 27-30)
  - b. What might be the modern equivalent of this grumbling?
  
3. What doctrine is taught in V44?
  - a. What understanding do we need?
  - b. What understanding did Jesus have? (V46, John 1:18, Matthew 11:27)

4. Who can come to Jesus? (V44, Isaiah 54:13, Matthew 11:28, 2 Peter 2:9, 1Tim 2:3-4, James 4:-10)
  
5. Explain why V47 is a radical statement (then & now)
  
6. What belief is Jesus calling for in V47 & 48
  - a. In what ways does our confidence in the sovereignty of God impact our faith response?
  - b. Why is it important to emphasise our responsibility to believe in order to receive eternal life?
  
7. Who can have eternal life? (John 6:39-40, John 10:28-29, John 3:16-18)
  - a. What does this statement mean to you?
  
8. What does this mean for Baptism?(Matthew 3:11-17, Acts2:38-41, Matthew 28:19, John 4:1-2, Acts 16:30-34, Luke 18:15-17)

**Personal Reflection:**

1. When are you tempted to grumble?
2. What things of this world are filling you up, leaving no room for the true Bread from heaven?
3. What can you do this week to draw nearer to God?