

Bible Study
John 6:51-58

Opening Question:

We have been talking about spiritual hunger now for three weeks.

What things make you hunger for Christ?

Read John 6:51-58

This passage contains one of Jesus' hardest teachings, and yet it is among one of his most powerful.

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The divine origin of Jesus Christ is expressed in many verses in Chapter 6. Look at these verses and comment on their significance.	
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- a. What does this tell you about Jesus?
- b. How can he give his flesh for the life of the world? -what do you think he means? (john 15:13, Gal 1:4, Eph 5:2, Titus 2:14, Romans 5:6, Rev 1:5, 1John 3:16)

3.

From the verses below identify what Jesus promises to people who do what the listed phrase describes. Note the similarity between what is promised to all of these responses.	
This response ...	Leads to this outcome/promise ...
Come to him [35]	
Believe in him [35]	
Come to him [36]	
Look to and believes in him [40]	
Come to him [44]	
Believe [47]	
Eat of this bread [51]	
Eat his flesh, drink his blood [54]	
Eat his flesh, drink his blood [56]	
Feed on him [57]	
Feed on this bread [58]	

4. Compare verse 40 with verse 54, what do we need to be doing to have eternal life now and resurrection on the last day? What do you think looking, eating, drinking involves? (John 6:40-58)

5. How many times is the word 'bread' used between verses 32-58?
- a. What difference did Jesus point out between the manna and the bread that he offers?
 - b. How is this bread made available to us? (compare Hebrews 10:19-20)
 - c.

6. How did Jesus use the ideas of drinking and eating in:
 - a. John 4:32-34.
 - b. John 7:37-39

7. What does Jesus mean by eating and drinking in V53? (Compare 6:35)
 - a. What does it mean in practical terms?
 - b. What is the difference between nibbling and eating a meal?

8. What blessing may we have if we eat and drink of Jesus V54,55?
 - a. Is this talking primarily about partaking of the Lord's Supper?
 - b. What problems might we face if we misunderstood this point?

9. What other blessing do we receive if we eat and drink of Jesus in 6:56?
 - a. What does it mean to abide/remain in Jesus
 - b. Where else do we see this concept?

10. How did the Jesus relationship with the Father impact his view of his ministry? How should our relationship with Jesus impact our view of life?

Personal Reflection:

1. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" How would you now answer that question?