



## DISCUSSION GUIDE NOVEMBER 21, 2021

### Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

What's your favorite holiday dish? What memory comes to mind as you think about it?

### Dig Deep

Read Scripture: John 6:25-35

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"<sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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."<sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."<sup>30</sup> So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?"<sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'<sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."<sup>34</sup> "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."<sup>35</sup> 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.

1. The crowd's motives for coming to Jesus were exposed in verse 26. What do we learn about people from this verse?
2. America is known around the world for exporting the "health and wealth gospel." This "gospel" states that financial blessing and physical well-being are always the will of God for people and that faith, positive speech, and donations to religious causes will increase one's material wealth. Why is it deceptive and dangerous to teach this "gospel"?
3. Have you ever come to Jesus for something he didn't give to you? If so, what was that experience like? (Consider reading Paul's experience in 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10)
4. Jesus' statement, "I Am the Bread of Life," is supported by a public sign (multiplying bread and feeding a large crowd). Why is it important for Jesus to pair his statements with public signs?
5. Read John 6:35. In Jesus' statement, he reveals himself as the source for true human life. How does Jesus give life that is really life? In what way have you personally experienced this from Jesus?



### LEADERS

#### Read John 6

#### Key Thoughts

**Jesus + nothing = EVERYTHING**

#### Do Big

1. Have someone look up the lyrics to the hymn "None of Self and All of Thee" by Theodore Monod. Please read the lyrics. Take a mental note, or write down what "verse" you are on in your life. What do you need to go to the next "verse" and have less of self and more of Jesus?
2. If bread alone isn't sufficient for mankind, how can you go about meeting the needs of others (bread) while introducing them to the true Bread of Life?