

## LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

## *Seven Signs of John Series*

These questions are for the **October 8, 2023** message, "More Than Enough." Please read the sermon passage (John 6:1-15) together out loud.

### Passage Outline

AS JESUS REVEALS THAT HE IS THE BREAD OF LIFE, EACH OF US MUST . . .

1. Behold the miraculous feeding of the 5,000. (1-15)
  - a. The crowds see signs including healings (2) and this miraculous provision of food.
    - i. Upwards of 20,000 people gather in a remote location in Galilee.
    - ii. Jesus takes the lunch of a child and multiplies it to feed the entire crowd.
  - b. After everyone eats their fill, there is more left over than they began with. (12)
  - c. NOTE: Jesus tested Philip's progress in understanding that Jesus is Messiah. Philip fails.
  - d. The people want to make Jesus their king because he can heal them and feed them. (14)
2. Understand the meaning of the sign. (26, 27, 35, 40)
  - a. Jesus uses this miracle to reveal his identity, teaching that he is the "Bread of Life."
    - i. He cares about our physical bodies and provides for our earthly needs.
    - ii. As the Bread of Life, he came to meet far more important needs.
  - b. As the Bread of Life, he provides "food that endures to eternal life." (27)
  - c. Jesus fulfills our real daily longings and desires. (35)
  - d. All who eat this Bread of Life have eternal life, and future glory. (40)
3. Believe on Jesus and have life. (28-29, 35, 40, 47-48)
  - a. We receive / secure this gift of bread by believing Jesus fully. (28-29)
  - b. We receive / secure this gift of bread by coming to Jesus only. (35)
  - c. We receive / secure this gift of bread by looking to Jesus. (40)
  - d. We receive / secure this gift of bread by eating it. (47-51) Fully identifying with Jesus.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: This sign includes the miraculous multiplication of the tiniest resources to fully supply the needs of a mammoth crowd, with plenty to spare. How have you seen God multiply resources in order to meet earthly or bodily needs?
2. Based on #2, above: Jesus is the Bread of Life. In what way is this a helpful metaphor? How would you describe that Jesus is your "Bread of Life" to a friend in a compelling way? Does he still "fulfill your daily hunger?"
3. Based on #3, above: Knowing that Jesus is the Bread of Life is not sufficient. Each of us is instructed to believe him (28-29), come to him (35), to 'see' him (40) and to 'eat' the Bread of Life. This does not mean we literally eat his flesh, but that we receive everything he says personally, fully and internally. Talk about the way you have eaten this Bread, and the way in which he fulfills your hunger, nourishes your soul and has brought you life.