



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

September 2, 2018

John 6:30-59

“Eat and Live”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. Icebreaker. Who gets angry when they get hungry? Does anyone have a funny hangry story? Or tell the group a story about cravings or hunger.
2. God created us to crave spiritual nourishment. Is anyone aware of consistent internal desires and longings? How do we try to meet these cravings with “less than” solutions? What disciplines can we incorporate into our lives to help direct our hungry souls to Christ?
3. In verse 30, we begin with the crowd asking, “What sign, then, are you going to do so we may see and believe you?” What signs had Jesus already done up to this point? We sometimes are quick to judge the Israelites in the OT and the crowds in the NT, but how have you seen God work in your life—yet you sometimes still fail to trust him?
4. Desiring God quote: “Wanting the blessings Jesus provides is not the same thing as believing in him...Desire is not the same as digestion.” What does this mean, and how can we see it play out in this text?
5. Verse 37 refers to believers in Christ as a gift from the Father to the Son. What does this teach us about why Christ died?
6. Matt reminded us, *“If you are in Christ, if you have partaken of him, your assurance is not based on your effort but on the sure guarantee that God is both active and effective in your salvation and preservation. He created the universe and conquered death. He sustains creation by the power of his Word. He won’t lose you and He won’t let you go.”* You don’t initiate or accomplish or secure your own salvation. The salvation of sinful human beings is fundamentally and essentially based on the work and call of God. But, that doesn’t mean you don’t have a responsibility. Matt challenged us to not try to resolve the tension, but to live with the tension. What does it look like to live with this tension? What are some unhelpful ways we can ignore this tension?
7. What was impactful to you about this sermon and text? How does this text affect our lives Monday-Saturday?
8. Let’s take a closer look at what Jesus repeats in John 6.
 - Twice Jesus says: The Father calls and gives believers to Jesus (6:37, 44)

- Twice Jesus says: Truly, truly (4x in Ch. 6)
 - 6:47: whoever believes (in me) has eternal life.
 - 6:53-54: Unless you believe (in me), you have no life in you. If you believe you have eternal life, and he will raise you up on the last day.
- Twice Jesus promises assurance, that he will not lose or let go of those that believe (6:37, 39)
- 8 times Jesus says: I came down from heaven/ I was sent by the Father (6:33, 38, 41, 42, 50, 51, 57, 58)
- 8 times Jesus says: I am the bread of life, the living bread, the bread from heaven, or the true bread (6:33, 35, 41, 48, 50, 51, 55, 58)
- 9 times in 25 verses Jesus promises resurrection & eternal life to those that believe in him (6:35, 39, 40, 44, 47, 51, 54, 57, 58)

Based on these emphatic points, what assurance can we find in John 6?

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