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John 6:22-40 // Opposed by Sign Seekers

People's search for Jesus (22-24)

Jesus creating a desire for the bread (25-34) *Dialogue w/the crowd – begins with a question*

- I. Following Jesus for the wrong reasons – “you ate your fill of the loaves”
- II. Asking Jesus the wrong _____
 - a. “When did you come here?”
 - b. “What must we do?”
 - i. Salvation is a free gift! *Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7*
 - ii. Faith is the only requirement: “This is the work of God, that you **believe** in him whom he has sent.”
 - c. “What sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?”
- III. Hearing Jesus and drawing the wrong conclusion – “give us this bread always”

Jesus' identification of the bread (35-40)

- I. The miracle is _____! He is what we need every day. – “*I am the bread of life.*”
- II. Full satisfaction and provision – “shall never hunger or thirst again”
- III. Guaranteed welcome and security – “I will never cast out; I will raise him up”

John 6:41-59 // Opposed by Word Twisters

Jesus' identity as the Bread of Life (41-51) *Dialogue w/the Jews – begins with grumbling*

- I. Stubborn hearts breed grumbling mouths
 - a. Self-righteousness breeds spiritual blindness
 - b. Familiarity breeds contempt
 - c. _____ breeds rebuke
- II. Prepared hearts breed saving faith
 - a. Effectual calling/drawing by the _____ *John 1:12-13*
 - b. Divine teaching - *Isaiah 54:13*
 - c. Unique messenger/revealer/mediator
 - d. Powerful saving faith
- III. Heavenly bread breeds spiritual life
 - a. Identification of the Bread of Life
 - b. Superiority of the Bread of Life
 - c. Connection between resurrection and atonement

The meaning of believing (52-59) *Dialogue among the Jews – begins with a dispute*

- I. Spiritual symbolism frustrates human reason
- II. Partaking of Christ is essential for spiritual _____
 - a. Guarantees eternal life and ultimate resurrection
 - b. True spiritual food = connection with His atonement
 - c. Creates _____ relationship
 - d. True bread of heaven is FAR better than Old Testament manna

John 6:60-71 // Opposed by Spiritual Blinders

The response of many disciples: Hard truth can only be received by the chosen few (60-65)

Dialogue among the disciples – begins with Jesus knowing they were grumbling

- I. Some truth is hard to swallow
- II. Hard truth can cause fatal stumbling
- III. Consider the source
 - a. Son of Man came from heaven
 - b. _____ gives life!
- IV. Only the chosen few will truly embrace Christ
 - a. Identity of the non-elect known from the beginning
 - b. Privilege of the chosen few to be drawn to Jesus by the Father *John 1:12-13*

The response of the Twelve: Hard truth will sift out false disciples & evil betrayers (66-71)

- I. False disciples turn away in unbelief – one of the most devastating verses in scripture –
“After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.”
- II. Despite hard truth, true disciples have no alternative other than Christ
 - a. _____ question – *“Do you want to go away as well?”*
 - b. True confession of Simon Peter – *“You have the words of eternal life.”*
 - c. Reassuring words of grace – *“Did I not choose you, the twelve?”*
 - d. Sobering words of warning for evil betrayer (Judas Iscariot)

“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” John 20:30-31