Community Group Discussion Guide

December 1, 2013

Week 2 - 6:1-35

Introduction

In this five week series we're looking at five "I AM" statements made by Jesus. In each one of these statements Jesus tells us something about himself and doing this, he answers five of the biggest questions we have in life. Read all of John Chapter 6 before answering the following questions.

Questions for Study

- 1. When you're at a restaurant for the first time, what are you thinking as you're looking through the menu?
- 2. What are some of the things you do to help you make, what you hope is, the right choice for you?
- 3. Have you ever compared what you ordered with what someone else at your table ordered? Ever wish you had ordered what they ordered?
- 4. Have you ever ordered something on the menu you knew wasn't good for you?
- 5. How does our experience with a menu at a restaurant compare to our experience with life?
- 6. Read the gospel of John and you discover that John mixes up Christ's miracles with his "I AM" statements. How does he do this in chapter six?
- 7. What is it about crowds that could have been very tiring for Jesus and his disciples?
- 8. The feeding of the five thousand (a very big crowd) and the conversation Jesus had the following day with people from that crowd, took place on opposite sides of the Sea of Galilee. Why did Jesus leave one side of this sea and travel to the other? Why did the crowd follow him the next day?
- 9. What mistake did Jesus say these people were making in their reason for following him from one side of the lake to the other? What satisfaction were they seeking? What satisfaction should they have been seeking?
- 10. What was Jesus saying about himself when he said... "I Am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry."?
- 11. Is it possible to agree with what Jesus said about himself and yet not let it make a difference in how we live life? If yes, how can someone do this? (In answering this, go back to the example of a menu.)
- 12. What intentional choice do we need to make for the truth of who Jesus is 'the bread of life' to make any significant difference in our own lives?