

**day 1:** (John 6: 1-24, Exodus 14: 10-22, Exodus 16: 1-16) Faithful Jewish people would be reading the texts of God's deliverance in and around the time of their Passover. How awesome is Jesus to know this and perform his miracles of bread (remember the 5 loaves) and water (remember when he walked on the water to his disciples?). Moses was the channel through which God spoke to the Jewish people, but Jesus is himself the Bread of Life and the Water of Life. As God proved himself to the Jewish people at the Exodus, Jesus makes himself available to us in power as the "nutrients of our soul."

**day 2:** (John 6: 22-27) I seem to always be asking Jesus the wrong questions, just like the people in this text. I want to know why or how, and Jesus instead wants to teach me something much deeper. Are you like that? I don't think Jesus minds our questions, it's just that he has so much to teach us and we are only occasionally listening. What are your prayers like? Do they ever move beyond asking God for things you need, to asking God to shape your character? I'm working on this, want to join me?

**day 3:** (John 6: 25-29) We live in a world of "Do". We ask, "What do you do for a living?" or "What did you do on your vacation?". Its no wonder that "do" questions migrate into our spirituality. In fact, sometimes we get the "doing" before the "being". We want to be good or do good when we lack the God-supplied power to do it. We need to let him forgive and cleanse us, then indwell and empower us first. Then, and only then, can we really focus on "do". Consider asking God to help you to "be" today, before you ask him to help you "do".

**day 4:** (John 6:30-35) Oh how we love our proofs. We love facts and verifications. The people asked Jesus to "prove" or to offer a sign that what he was saying was fact. We do the same. We pray, "O Lord, just give me some kind of sign and I'll follow you..." Just a gentle reminder that God is not obligated to give us anymore than he has already given through the full revelation of his Word. In fact, in this text, Jesus says, "I am the bread of life." Jesus is the revelation of God. Jesus is the bread of heaven. All that we need to know for salvation and Godliness is contained in Jesus and in the texts of scripture. Maybe instead of asking for a sign, we should study the revelations we already have in the scriptures?

**day 5:** (John 6: 1-35) Spend some time today just going back over what you've learned this week. Re-read this text and ask the Lord to remind you today of the things he's been saying. If you'll be still before the Lord a little, I'm sure he will speak. Maybe try these words spoken by the boy Samuel in I Samuel 3:10, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."

# "Why Are You Here?"

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## John 6: 24-35

This text is fascinating. Notice how the passages about Jesus walking on the water and feeding the 5,000 would draw the Hebrew mind back to Moses and the Exodus. John 6 takes place at Passover time when the Jewish community would be reading texts about God's deliverance from Egyptian slavery.

When the people ask Jesus when he arrived in verse 25, Jesus responded by cutting to \_\_\_\_\_.

- I. You are Here for the \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 6: 26-27)
  - a. Not for belief but for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. They prized the \_\_\_\_\_ and physical
  - c. Jesus' greatest frustration must have been those who \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. You have the \_\_\_\_\_ paradigm (Jn. 6: 28)
  - a. They ask rules and regulations kinds of questions
  - b. They are stuck in \_\_\_\_\_ Time.
  - c. Jesus was declaring that religion was a matter of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity implies that if I do this for God, He will do this for me.
  - e. Instead of a \_\_\_\_\_ of doing, Jesus was teaching a \_\_\_\_\_ of being.
- III. You need a \_\_\_\_\_ focus (Jn. 6: 30-35)
  - a. Jesus taught them that God, \_\_\_\_\_ was the focus
  - b. God had given the \_\_\_\_\_ bread or \_\_\_\_\_ manna in Jesus Christ
  - c. The relationship with the True Bread, Jesus, is everything
  - d. Jesus on the \_\_\_\_\_ is what we re-enact in communion
  - e. To truly have Jesus on the inside, is to truly love what he loved!
  - f. Embrace the Mission of Christ