

Sermon Outline

***I AM* Series, part 3: I Am the Bread of Life**

John 6:22-59

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Main Idea: Who is Jesus? In this series we will take seven weeks to look at Jesus' seven metaphorical "I Am" statements recorded in the Gospel of John. Here in week 3, Robin teaches that ***Jesus is the divine Son of the Father, the true bread who came down from heaven and died to give eternal life to everyone who will truly believe in Him.***

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- I. Jesus Christ is THE bread of life that has come down from heaven.
- II. To have this true bread, this eternal life, we must truly believe in him.
- III. The bread that Jesus gives is eternal life and He will raise us up on the last day.

Key Quotes:

"My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. And the true bread is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world...I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." John 6:32-33, 35

"Whether you realize it or not, deep down you have an intense spiritual hunger that can only be satisfied by God." - Robin Boisvert

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read John 6:22-71 and open in prayer.
2. Discuss the imagery of bread and how and why it speaks to the importance of Jesus as it relates to life, salvation and an ongoing relationship with God.
3. In verses 25-27 Jesus is exposing some of the people's true motivation for following him (only for physical or material benefit). Discuss our tendency to see God only as a provider of 'things' rather than the provider of abundant life in *Himself*.
4. When Jesus started explaining that to eat of his flesh and drink of his blood led to eternal life, how did the people respond? There are many clear teachings in the Bible that people claim "This is a hard saying" (Jesus is the only way, homosexuality is sin, hell is a real place, etc.). Certainly, the disciples didn't always understand, but they were committed to Jesus because they believed that he was in fact, "the Holy One of God" (John 6:69). Discuss how faith must lead us to believe in the absolute goodness, wisdom and purposes of God even while we may struggle with some of his teachings or the circumstances of life that we struggle to understand.
5. Close your time in prayer for one another. Continue to also ask God to do a deep work in each of your lives through the *I Am* series.