

6 Sermons on John 6

❖ Introduction

➤ **Going to do a bit of Summarizing Chapter 6 today**

- Haven't been in it for 2 weeks
- I want to make sure we are all up to speed on the chapter
- **I also want to stress the importance of keeping up with the Sermons**
 - As we go through the book, each set of verses are important to the whole of the book
 - It is very rewarding to go through books of the Bible and gain a solid grasp of the what God is saying
 - It is very rewarding spiritually
- So, you can catch up on those you have gotten behind with so far by going to the website...

➤ **Desire to Teach and Preach**

- **I want to proclaim His Word... and through His Word have you moved by His Spirit**
 - Move you toward godly living in your life
 - Move you to praise for the glorious things He has done
 - Move sinners to Repent and know Jesus
 - Move saints to be faithful to the Master
- **I also want to teach you...**
 - I want you to learn things through His Word
 - To know His Word... So you might Love Him
 - As you get to know... and truly know God... Your love for Him will increase
 - As Your love increases, your faithfulness will increase...
 - Want you to learn and gain knowledge so you can fight against false beliefs...
- **Jesus was a stickler for the truth....**
 - He says of Himself... I am truth....
 - ◆ Know the Truth and it will set you free...
- **Why are we so ok with False teachings and false understandings of who God is...**
 - I understand we can not know everything about God...
 - But there are some very clear truths about Him in the Bible that we overlook...
 - When the truth of God is not understood, then lies about God are believed...

➤ **Believers should be sticklers for the truth**

- We should defend it... and stand for it
- And correct it when others are off...
- We are called to be His ambassadors... to be His representatives...
- But we should always listen more than we speak....Be patient
- And lovingly correct and encourage people in the Word...

➤ **We must also make sure we know enough of His Word to be able to explain it**

- And make sure we keep our mouths closed when we do not know what we are talking about...
- Then run to the Bible and find that answer...

❖ **Outline: The 6 Sermons of Chapter 6**

- The Misunderstood Miracle (John 6:1-15)
- The Work of God is to Believe on Jesus (John 6:16-34)
- No Ordinary Baker 1 (John 6:36-51)
- No Ordinary Baker 2 (John 6:36-51)
- Feeding on Jesus to Escape Death and Gain Eternal Life (John 6:52-59)

- Offensive Words of Life (John 6:60-71)

❖ Themes and Purpose of the Book

➤ Purpose:

- John 20:31³¹ 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.

➤ Scenes and Miracles

- With every scene and Miracle we come across there is an underlying reason for each one
- 1) They are pointing People to Jesus for Eternal Life
- 2) Jesus is revealing the true nature of who He is
- 3) Jesus is seeking ways to engage the people into an understanding of who He is

➤ God is speaking through John as he writes...

- In a very Purposeful and Intentional Way
- The book is not just a thrown together compilation of Jesus Greatest Hits...
 - Its not like a rock band that has run out of stuff to write or do and need some money
 - So they throw together a greatest hits cd...
- There is a **flow and a message** to every Scene and Miracle we come across

❖ 1) The Misunderstood Miracle (John 6:1-15)

➤ What happened?

- After the Miracle of Healing the Lame man
 - On the Sabbath
 - And Jesus intentionally bringing glory to Himself
 - And pointing out to the people that he is equal with God
 - He is trying to fix people's misunderstanding of who God is, and help them gain eternal life
- He goes to the other side of the sea of Galilee
- A large crowd followed Him (because of the signs He was doing on the sick)
- This is during passover
- He goes up to a mountain with His disciples
- Sees the 5,000 men and possibly up to 25,000 total people
- Asks Philip where they could buy bread to feed the people
- Philip says a 10 months wages isn't enough to buy food for them
- Andrew, Peter's brother then says there is a boy with 5 loaves and 2 fish
- So Jesus had the people sit down in the grass
- And He gives thanks to God
- And He gives out as much bread and fish as the people wanted
- They then gathered up 12 baskets of left overs, so that nothing may be lost
- The people then begin to believe Jesus to be the prophet spoken of in Deut that was promised to come
- So they wanted to make Him King
- But Jesus withdrew from them

➤ What We Learned...

➤ His Disciples Still had a Lack of Belief

- **Philip and Andrew**
- **They are looking at this from an earthly perspective...**
 - **Jesus Question to Philip was a little misleading... but Philip took it and never understood it**

- ◆ Jesus did not ask Him... (How can I feed these people?)
- **Jesus says...** “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?”
 - ◆ And We know Jesus asked it this way to test Philip....
 - ◆ Jesus already knew what He would do...
- **Philip and Andrew fail the test...**
 - ◆ **Philip simply gives up...(very funny)**
 - ⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.”
 - Philip says... 8 months worth of wages wouldn’t feed them....
 - ◆ **Andrew tries to figure out a way on His own...**
 - ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?”
 - So... Andrew like many of us... says... I don’t want to just stand around and do nothing...
 - Lets just get to it... and see what we can figure out...
 - Lets find a way to solve this problem...So, he comes back with a boy’s food...
- **The Little Boy was Generous with All He had.**
- **Jesus Turned a Little into A lot**
- **Jesus Wasted None of the Food**
 - ◆ **2) Symbolic...**
 - The Disciples gathered what was left...
 - A picture of His servants gathering in a harvest of souls...
 - And Jesus says... none will be left... He will gather in all His children...
- **The Miracle Declared Who He was**
 - ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”
- **The People Wanted Him to Be King**
 - **Jesus is King, but not that Kind of King**
 - They were looking for an earthly king... they were a proud nation
 - The Nation of the Great King David...
 - And they were being ruled by Gentiles, outsiders... the Romans...
 - They saw in Jesus and answer to their problems...
 - ◆ A Miracle worker...
- **Jesus Withdrew**
 - **To me... This is just a WOW moment in the text...**
 - What was going on here... What was the problem...
 - I think this statement is supposed to shock us a little...
 - And when the scriptures want to shock us...
 - ◆ It is because there is something very important for us to hear!
 - **Why did Jesus Withdraw? Why didn’t Jesus want to be their Earthly King?**
 - They were coming to Him for the wrong reasons...
 - ◆ They were believing on Him in the wrong way...
 - He came to DIE.....!
 - ◆ Without Dying.... There is no Life for us!
- **Jesus is Purposeful with this Miracle**
 - **1) He Wants to Display His Power...**
 - ◆ He is showing them that He controls all things...
 - **2) By Showing the people He is the Bread of Life**

- ◆ The Miracle was in a sense an object lesson of who He is
- ◆ The creating of the bread would open a time of teaching for the people.
 - John 6:35 ³⁵ Jesus said to them, **“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**
- **A Springboard** to Launch the reader into the rest of the chapter... and the people of that time into
 - A time to teach them His true nature and reason for coming

❖ 2) The Work of God is to Believe on Jesus (John 6:16-34)

➤ What happened?

- The disciples get into a boat and start across the sea
- The sea gets rough and then they get scared
- And then Jesus comes walking across the water and calms the storm for His disciples
- The crowd starts looking for Jesus... the cross the sea after Him
- They come to Him and He tells them they are seeking Him because they ate their fill
 - Not because they saw a miracle
- Jesus then tells them to labor for food that does not perish
- Says the Son of Man will give this to you, because God has set His seal on Him
- They then want to know how they can labor to do the works of God
- So Jesus tells them that the work of God is to believe in Him whom God sent
- So, then they ask for a sign to prove to them who He was so they would believe
- They then refer to the manna the fathers ate through Moses in the wilderness
- Jesus corrects them saying it was not from Moses, but God
- He says God gives the true bread
- Then He says that the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world
- They say... Sir, give us this bread always

➤ What We Learned...

➤ 1) The People Were Coming to Jesus With Wrong Motives

- ²⁶ Jesus answered them, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.**

➤ Jesus Continues to Intentionally Lead Them Toward Life

- **Jesus is so patient....**

➤ The Crowd wanted to do the Works of God

- ²⁸ Then they said to him, **“What must we do, to be doing the works of God?”**

- **The People wanted something to do...**

- They were expecting Jesus to give them some instructions...
- And then they could go out and get to work, and be doing the works of God....

- **The people mistook Work for Faith**

- They wanted to labor and earn their reward...
- They were looking for Jesus to give them an answer, and they would be able to fulfill it
- With their own power...

➤ The Work of God is Believing on Jesus

- **The Work of God IS: That You believe in Him whom He has sent**
 - Very simply...

- John 1:12 ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
- Romans 10:11 ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."
- Romans 10:13 ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
- John 3:15 ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

➤ **Many Still Did Not Believe**

- ³⁰ So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?"

➤ **Mistaking Creature for Creator**

▪ **Jesus Response Reveals Their Heart**

- He knew that in their heart... their belief and trust was more on Moses
- Than the true provider...

➤ **Jesus is the Eternal Bread**

- ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."
- **The Gospel is summed up right here**
 - The Bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the World.

❖ **3) No Ordinary Baker 1 (John 6:36-51)**

➤ **What happened?**

- Jesus explains to them that He is the bread of Life... and if they come to Him, they will never
- Hunger or thirst
- He says they have seen Him yet still do not believe...
- So He begins to explain that whoever the Father gives Him, will come to Him
- And he says I will never cast them out
- He says He has some to do the Father's will... and it is God's will that He loose none that He is given
- He says He will raise them up on the last day
- The Jews begin to grumble because He called Himself the bread
- They say... we know this guy... He is Joseph's son
- Jesus says... do not grumble... No One can come to me unless the Father draws them anyway
- He says, all those who have truly learned from the Father will come to me
- Jesus tells them that whoever believe has eternal life...
- He reiterates that He is the bread of Life
- He reminds them that their fathers ate that manna in the wilderness and died...
- So, He tells them that He is the bread that came down from heaven and they can eat of it
- And they will live forever...
- Then He ends by saying... the bread that I will give for the life of the World is my flesh

➤ **What We Learned...**

❖ **OverArching Theme (A Prerequisite to understanding Jesus' Teaching in John 6)**

➤ **God is Sovereign**

- He is in Control.... 3 times in the first 6 verses Jesus references the will of the Father

➤ **1) Jesus Is All We Need**

- ◆ **1) He is the Bread of Life**

- **Jesus Becomes Very Straightforward and to the point**
 - Vs 35 “I Am the Bread of Life
 - Vs 48 “I Am the Bread of Life
 - Vs 50 “This is the bread that comes down from heaven”
 - Vs 51 “I am the living bread that came down from heaven”
 - Vs 51 “The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh”

➤ **2) A Different Kind of Bread:**

➤ **3) His Flesh is the Bread**

➤ **4) The Flesh of Jesus Gives Life for the World...**

- **Jesus Became a Man for us....**
 - The Son of God left His glory to be a servant in the form of man...
 - To live a perfect a blameless life...
 - So He could offer up His perfect Sinless Flesh as a Substitute for ours...
- **The sinlessness of the flesh of Jesus’ and the very nature of who He is...**
 - Produces something so Supernatural and Powerful...
 - ◆ **That it is Able to Provide Life for the World**
 - ◆ OH PRAISE GOD over this, this morning!

➤ **5) This Life Sustains all of our Hunger and all of our Thirst**

- **whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**
- **The Reason He is Able to do this is Because...**
 - He can satisfy that hunger and thirst within you that nothing else can...
 - And He will satisfy you forever

➤ **6) He is Not Like the Temporary Satisfaction We Find on this Earth....**

➤ **7) As Living Bread, Jesus Gives us Eternal Life**

❖ **2) Jesus Knows Man’s Disbelief**

➤ **Remember Back Through the Unbelief that Jesus Came Across So Far in John....**

- Starting With... John 2
 - **John 2:23-25** Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. 24 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.
- Then in Ch. 3 We See Nicodemus as **Exhibit A**
- After Healing of Lame Man in Ch. 5
 - **John 5:38-40** ³⁸and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. ³⁹You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, ⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

➤ In John 7 We will see that not even His brothers Believed in who He was

❖ **4) No Ordinary Baker 2 (John 6:36-51)**

➤ **What happened?**

- We Already looked at this

➤ **What We Learned...**

❖ **3) Our Life is Secure With Jesus (What a Cause for Rejoicing)**

➤ **1) I Will Never Cast Out**

- **Cast out** – means to expel or to drive away
- **2) Lose Nothing**
 - Not only will he Never cast you out...
 - He will never lose you either...
 - **Lose:** means to lose... or fail to get...
 - He will not fail to find you... or to get you...
 - **And Nothing Will Change my relationship with God...**
 - Romans 8:37-39 ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- ❖ **4) We Are Brought To Jesus By the Father (Rejoicing)**
 - ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me,
 - ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.
 - ⁴⁵Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—
 - **This Shoots Down Any Thoughts of Self Glory**
 - **We come to God because God draws us.**
 - **God Deserves the Recognition**
- ❖ **5) It is Our Responsibility to Come to Christ**
 - ³⁵whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.
 - ³⁷and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.
 - ⁴⁷whoever believes has eternal life.
 - ⁵¹If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.
 - **Our Coming is Real, But Dependent on the Work of God**
 - Whoever comes to me... Whoever believes in me
 - **Do you see our responsibility to come...?**
 - We must come to Christ, or be lost forever... We are responsible for our rejecting...
- ❖ **6) We Will Be Raised By Christ (A Great Benefit) (Rejoicing)**
 - ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.
 - **Who is Raised?**
 - All Those Who Have Been Given to Jesus....
 - Everyone Who Looks on the Son and Believes
 - Those Who come To Jesus by the Father's Drawing
- ❖ **7) God's Will is Our Assurance (Rejoicing)**
 - ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.
 - **God is Sovereign**
 - When He wants Something Accomplished, It is Accomplished...
 - No Matter What The Obstacles Are
 - Isaiah 46:9-10 "I am God and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient time things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.'"
- ❖ **End Note: Believing and Partaking of The Bread of Christ Should Consume Our Life**
 - **This Should Be Our Number 1 objective in Life**
 - **Nothing Else Should Be A Close Second**
 - **The Work of God is That We Believe and Partake of the Bread**
 - Remember what they asked Jesus:

- John 6:28-29 ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”
- The Bread He is referring to is the Flesh of Jesus Christ.
- **How do We Partake of the Eternal Bread...?**
 - **By Believing in the Death of Jesus Christ on the Cross**

❖ 5) Feeding on Jesus to Escape Death and Gain Eternal Life (John 6:52-59)

➤ What happened?

- The Jews disputed amongst themselves about how this man could give them His flesh to eat
- Jesus says, unless you eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man you have no life in you
- Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise Him up
- He says His flesh and blood are true food and drink
- Whoever feeds on Him abides in Him and He in them
- Whoever feeds on Jesus will live because of who Jesus is
- He says again He is the bread that cam down from heaven, not like the manna in the wilderness
- That only fed them for a short while and they died... His bread will cause them to live forever

➤ What We Learned...

▪ Summary of Sermon

- *Jesus is simply saying: You have no life in you unless you believe in and trust in the physical torture and death of the Son of God as the One and only source of eternal life and removal of sin.*

❖ There is Something at Stake

➤ Death (No Life)

- **Vs – 53 “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have **no life in you.****

➤ What does it mean to have “no life” in you?

➤ The Bible describes it like this:

- **Ephesians 2:1 ¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins**

➤ Eternal life is at stake

- We all will continue to exist... Either in Life or in Death
- We can continue on into Eternal Life with God in Heaven and His rewards

❖ We Must Feed on Jesus to Escape Death and Gain Eternal Life

➤ If You do not Feast on Jesus, You have no Life

- You will remain dead in your trespasses and sins...
- And they are many, and they are grievous in the sight of God

➤ Why does He use this type of graphic language to describe eternal life

▪ This Should Stand Out...

- I really want you to hear this point this morning... Why use this kind of talk..
- **Why isn't it more like John 3:16**
 - There aren't many pastors/leaders encouraging Christians to memorize these verses...
- **Why doesn't He continue to just say: Believe on Me....**
 - It means the same thing right?
- **He is Foreshadowing His Death**
 - **John 2:19 ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”**

- **Jesus is being very Intentional to Point Out what it is about Him that we are believing**
 - Jesus is making sure we see who it is we are believing in
 - We are believing in Him as a crucified, buried and risen Savior
 - This is what makes Jesus so unique as God...
- **Jesus was constantly trying to explain to people that He came to die...**
 - But many would hear none of that talk...
 - The Jewish people did not expect a Messiah that would come and die...
- **His Flesh and Blood as the Only Means of Our Justification**
 - It is only through His flesh and blood that we can be made right with God
 - **In His flesh He took our sins**
 - ◆ 1 Peter 2:24 ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.
 - **By His blood our sins are washed away**
 - ◆ Hebrews 9:22 ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.
 - ◆ 1 John 1:7 ⁷ ...and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
- **What Exactly does He mean by Eat and Drink and Feed**
 - **1) Believing**
 - (Completed Conditional Act)
 - We must complete the act of Believing...
 - The way we Partake of this Bread is by Believing... Remember?
 - ◆ John 6.29 ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."
 - **2) Being In Union/Fellowship With Jesus (Continuous)**
 - **3) Jesus as the Word When We are in the Word of God we are feasting on Jesus...**
 - **4) Presently Actively Consistently Feeding on Jesus...**
 - ◆ ⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood **abides in me, and I in him.**
 - ◆ **He is literally saying:**
 - Whoever presently and continuously feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood
 - Will presently and continuously abide (or live in) me
 - And... I will presently and continuously abide (live in) him...
 - **Gnawing on the Word of God...**
 - Remember we looked at how the Bible describes the Word as food....
 - The word "feed" used here 4 times in these verses... literally means... get this....
 - To gnaw on or munch on
- ❖ **There is One and Only One Way to Win**
 - ⁵⁵ For my flesh is **true food**, and my blood is **true drink**.
- **Jesus Alone is Way to Eternal Life**
 - John 14:6 ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- ❖ **Many Fail to Understand**
 - ⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
 - **Later many leave:**
 - John 6:66 ⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.

❖ 6) Offensive Words of Life (John 6:60-71)