

The responses: **Read John 6:59-71**

How do different people respond to Jesus? Why?

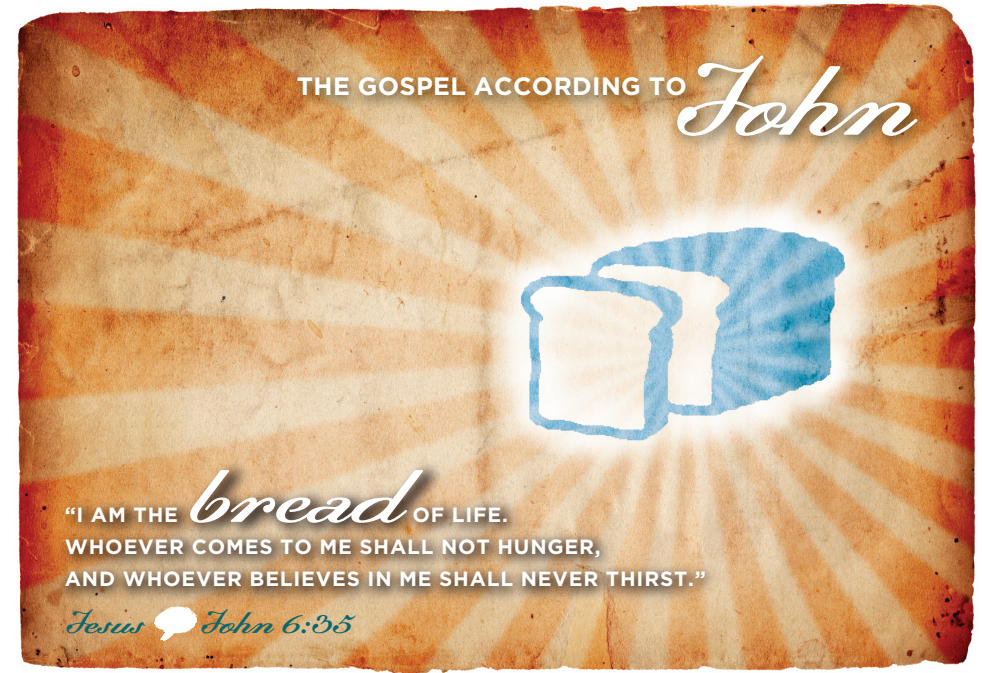
Today, people still are still divided over their response to Jesus.
What is your response?

How do people come to believe in Jesus? **v37, 44, 65**

How is this an encouragement to us?



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Icebreaker

If you had to eat only one dish for the rest of your life, what would you choose?

OR

Discuss: What do you think is humanity's greatest basic need?

This semester in FOCUS we are reading the Gospel according to John. It is the good news of Jesus Christ and what he has done through his life. The author, John, was a friend and eyewitness of Jesus. John's Gospel contains many deep symbols and metaphors. In Jesus' "I am" sayings, he reveals his identity through various metaphors and images, taken from everyday life and from the Old Testament. As we read John's gospel we will examine Jesus' identity, in his own words.

The sign: **Read John 6:1-15**

Any questions? Or unfamiliar words?

The next day, Jesus explained the meaning of the miracle he did with the bread.

The explanation: **Read John 6:25-58**

Why were the people coming to Jesus?

What 2 types of food/bread does Jesus speak of?

What does he say about each type of food?

Passover = a Jewish religious festival, when the Jewish people remembered how many years earlier, God had rescued them from slavery and provided for them through the leader, Moses.

the Prophet who is to come into the world = God's ancient promise that he would send another messenger like Moses to his people. See Deuteronomy 18:15-19.

Rabbi = Jewish teacher

Son of Man = a way Jesus refers to himself. See Daniel 7:13-14.

mannna = food that God gave to the Jewish people when they were wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, led by Moses. See Exodus 16.

the last day = the future day of final judgment, when Jesus will return to the earth.



It is possible to seek Jesus for the wrong reasons, like the crowds in this story. What motivates you? Are you seeking the "food that spoils", or "food that endures to eternal life" (v26-27)?

v28-29 What does Jesus say God requires of people? Is this a surprising answer?

Often, to understand the New Testament, we need to understand the Old Testament. What Old Testament references can you spot in John 6?

What do they mean?

How does Jesus describe himself? What does this tell us about him?

List the promises Jesus gives to those who believe.

v35

v37

v39

v40

Read v51. What do Jesus' words mean?

Read v54. What does it mean to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood?

How does **v47** help you to understand what Jesus means?