I. Wants? - John 6:26-29

1. Jesus questions their motive (verse 26) - for the bread?

Rea -perhaps a better way to say it is that He told them their motive

Rea -two motives mentioned here:

- 1) seeing the signs?
- 2) ate the bread?
- 2. They were focused on temporal things
- 3. Jesus instructed them to focus on the spiritual things (verse 27)
 - -food spoils but the spiritual things do not
 - -the Son will give you the spiritual things
- 4. Note the contrast between
 - #1. Work for material
 - #2. Give you spiritual
- 5. Segues to the Son (verse 28)
 - -the father had attested Jesus
 - -ultimately through resurrection
- 6. What do we do to do the works that God requires? (Verse 28)

Rea -focused on pleasing God by works - not as related here, focused on doing these works themselves but serving God by their works (requires)

-it is very "normal" for people to seek and work in the material area versus the spiritual one - for some the spiritual world does not even exist

7. The work of God is this (verse 29)

Rea -this is what God "requires"

-believe on the one he has sent

Rea Ideas and Questions:

Rea

- 1. We ought follow God not for His gifts but because we love the Giver -not the blessings but the Blesser
- 2. In some churches/ denominations its all about the "stuff" we get
- 3. In your own life you have given gifts to others and they are more concerned about getting something from you than about you
 - -those who never say "thank you" are stuck on the stuff

II. Manna - John 6:30-34

- 1. What sign will you give us? (Verse 30)
 - -to see and "believe"
- Rea -they are saying... you told us to "believe" what will you do so we can believe?
 - -Jesus had already done signs?
- Rea -discuss why they had not already believed?
 - 2. They next compared Jesus' work to that of receiving manna in the wilderness (**verse** 31)
 - -Moses gave us bread
- Rea -they compare Moses with Jesus the bread of Moses was every day... is that what they wanted?
 - 3. Jesus corrects their view of Moses' work it wasn't Moses but God (verse 32)

Rea

- -He also says it was the "true" bread from heaven
- -Moses had become more of the focus than the God behind Moses
- 4. Jesus' response:

First, the source is God not Moses

Second, my Father

Third God had provided the true bread

Fourth this gift was not one in history but current

Fifth, God's gift could not be earned

- 5. The bread of God (verse 33)
 - -comes from heaven and gives life
 - -to the world, not just the Jews

Rea

- -once again (often in John) Jesus is talking spiritual and they are talking literal Jesus used the literal to speak of the spiritual. The temporal (passing) to speak of the eternal (forever)
- 6. Give us this bread (verse 34)
 - -they are asking for bread, but not necessarily professing faith in Jesus

Rea Ideas and Questions:

- 1. "Give us this day our daily bread" does that mean literal bread?
- 2. The gateway to believe in and appreciate another life is Jesus
 - -believe in Him and then you can believe in His bread
- 3. Talk about "signs" ans why they are so important to believe
 - -how many signs are enough?

III. Satisfied - John 6:35-40

- 1. I am the bread of life (verse 35)
 - -straightforward claim
 - -I am who I am Exodus 3:14
- 2. Receiving this "bread" two aspects
 - A. Come to Him
 - B. Believe in Him
- 3. The results
 - A. Not be thirsty
 - B. Not be hungry
- Rea 4. As bread is to the body so Jesus is to the soul
 - -do you believe in the "soul?" do you think non-believers believe in the soul?
 - 5. You do not believe (**verse 36**)
 - -even though you've seen me
- Rea -Jesus told Lazarus your brothers would not believe if someone rose from the dead
 - 6. All the Father gives me will come to me (verse 37)
 - -whoever believes will receive the gift of God
 - -"all" every type of person who God gives

Rea

- -my take "all" refers to those who came to God through Jesus' ministry, just as Paul, Peter, and others have been given lambs to take care of in their flock
- 7. He came to do the will of the Father (verse 38)
 - -from heaven

-purpose is to do God's will

Rea

- -that means Jesus was "under orders" submitted to the Father... are you?
- 8. I'll not lose any that the Father has given me (verse 39)
 - -resurrection is promised at the last day (in both verse 39 and 40)
- 9. God (the Father's) will that all who look to the Son will be saved (verse 40)
 - -the life does not begin on the last day but when they "look"
 - -the Father does the "giving" and the recipient is the Son

Rea Ideas and Questions:

- 1. A simple and straightforward task His Father's will
 - -for this reason I came into the world
- 2. They had seen signs, yet did not believe discuss how that happens
- 3. What will it take for people to believe? the responsibility to believe Jesus places squarely on them
 - -do you think that there are many who just don't want to believe? -why don't

they

want to believe?

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