

# Community Group Discussion Questions

“Baker’s Dozen” John 6 Mar 18/19

## Getting Started

The first of the 7 “I Am” statements of Jesus are in alignment with the fourth miracle recorded in John, which is the feeding of the multitude, estimated at nearly 5,000 people. The only two miracles recorded in all 4 Gospel accounts are the resurrection of Jesus and the feeding of the 5,000. This occurrence reveals the intentionality of the writer to point out that this memorable miracle is more fulfilling than simply a meal replacement.

In Exodus 16, we see how God provided for the people of Israel in the desert by giving them manna to eat for 40 years. If you had to eat the same meal every day for 40 years, what would you pick?

## Going Deeper

I. The Look within the Miracle:

Obstacles become Opportunities (John 6:5)  
Insignificants become Instruments (John 6:9)  
Leftovers become Lessons (John 6:12)

Share with us about a time when you faced a seemingly impossible obstacle in your life where you may have felt insignificant, but He used you in a way that transformed the obstacle into a great opportunity for ministry, and now you have a lesson to tell :-)

II. The Link to the Manna:

Source of Eternal Life (Read John 6:32-33, 41)

What is Jesus claiming in these verses?

## Satisfaction through Eternal Life (Read John 6:35)

When Jesus says “I am the bread of life,” the word He uses for ‘life’ is the Greek word ‘zoe’. The normal word used for ‘life’ is the Greek word ‘bios’ where we get ‘biology’ from. Bios is talking about physical life, but Jesus wasn’t talking about bread that would satisfy physical hunger. The word ‘zoe’ means supernatural, abundant, life to the fullest, the life Adam & Eve knew before sin came in and corrupted humanity and the creation. Knowing this...

**What kind of hunger and thirst is Jesus claiming he can quench?**

## Security in Eternal Life (Read John 6:37-40)

In verse 40, Jesus makes a very strong claim. He guarantees that if you believe in Him, putting your trust, hope, confidence, and faith in Him, then you WILL have eternal life. Even when your physical body fails you (2 Corin 5:1) and you die, Jesus says He will raise you up from the dead in a new body.

**If you believe Jesus is who He says He is, and died on the cross to pay for your sins, and rose from the dead, and will save you from your sins and raise you from the dead to live forever, how does that change how you live today?**

**Is there anything for you to fear? Is there anything this world or any person in this world can take away from you that Jesus cannot overcome?**

## Comparison of Manna to Jesus:

- It was small – Humility (Exodus 16:14)
- It was round – Infinite (Exodus 16:14)
- It was white – Purity (Exodus 16:31)
- It was sweet – Blessing (Exodus 16:31)
- It came at night – Unexpected (Exodus 16:13-14)
- It was misunderstood – Questioned (Exodus 16:15)

### III. The Listeners around the Message:

Consumers: Desire benefits, without the cost of belief. (John 6:26)

Confused: Lack faith, due to missing facts. (John 6:41-42)

Casual: Possess faith, desire blessing; selective obedience.  
(John 6:60,66)

Committed: All in without reserve. (John 6:67-69)

Read the verses that correspond to each of these descriptions:  
Of these four categories, where do you see yourself in the story if it were to happen today? How can we help you move to the committed category?

“My prayer is that you would walk in an opportunistic faith of expectation of greater things to happen; firmly rooted in an eternal security despite your doubts, recognizing that being a disciple is a call to unashamed commitment.” Pastor Ed

### **Group Prayer Requests**

Pray for those you want to invite to join you for one of our 6 Easter services: Friday at 7:00, Saturday at 5:00 & 7:00, Sunday at 9:00, 11:00, & 1:00