

# “Beyond Bread”

John 6

1. **Jesus gives another sign — He feeds lunch to 5000+ people (14)**
2. **Jesus walks upon Galilee, in a storm – “It Is I.” (20)**  
(Galilee is surrounded by hills & is 600 feet below sea level.)
3. **Jesus declares, “Amen, Amen... do not work for food that spoils” (26)**  
Q. What must we do? (28)  
A. “Believe” (29)
4. **Jesus declares, “Amen, Amen... I am the bread of life.”; 32-35**  
At the burning bush, God tells Moses his name is “I AM” (Exodus 3)  
“I am” = Yahweh (Hebrew) = Kyrios (Greek) = Lord (English)  
  
*The reaction: Grumbling ... Debate... Arguing (41,42 & 52)*
5. **Jesus declares, “Amen, Amen... the one who believes has eternal life.” (47) “...I am the bread of life.” (48)**
6. **Jesus declares, “Amen, Amen... whoever feeds on me will live!” (53-58)**
7. **Reaction: “This Is a hard teaching” (60) ...many turn back (66)**  
*Jesus asks the 12, “Does this offend you?” (61) “...Will you leave too?” (67)*  
**Peter: “To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (68-69)**

Jesus declares to us ... “I am the bread of life.”

# For Small Group or Individual Study

## TEXT (OBSERVATION):

- The story of the feeding of the 5000 is (found in all 4 gospels), sets up the analogy of Jesus as the “bread of life.”
- Why 12 baskets of food left over?
- What is the meaning of “sign” in verse 14?
- Notice the parallel of manna with Jesus (He is the bread that feeds us)
- Jesus uses the phrase “Amen, Amen” 4 times - (NIV, “very truly”)
- Why is Jesus’ declaration a “hard teaching”? (verse 60)

## THEOLOGY (INTERPRETATION):

- What does Jesus feeding 5000 and walking across Galilee tell us?
- What does this passage tell us about Jesus’ nature and mission?
- Read Exodus 3:14 - Jesus uses God’s name, “I AM” to refer to himself – and then adds further revelation by saying “I am the bread of life.”
- What does it mean to eat *Jesus’ flesh and drink his blood?* (54)

## TODAY (APPLICATION):

- Jesus calls us to believe in him – what does this mean? (The word ‘believe’ is found 84 times in the gospel of John – see especially John 20:31)
- What kind of bread are we eating?
- Do we find our sustenance in material things? Can good things become “gods”? For example, can our family become more important than God? Our career? We live in a very self-centric culture. We are taught to believe in ourselves – how does this square with the gospel? Might our thoughts, dreams and affections be indicators of what we feed on – our “bread”?

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