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| ***GBC SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS***  ***THE GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 6***  ***Lesson 5 Week of September 10, 2023*** | C:\Users\Kal\Pictures\Church Logos\GBC\GBC1400x1400N.png |

1. *We begin the lesson by focusing on the Sunday message. After meditating on the message, share one way the sermon shaped your thinking this week.*
2. ***Review****: there are thirty-five miracles performed by Jesus in the four gospel accounts. John records eight of these, referring to them as “****signs****” (****semeion****) to draw attention to their spiritual significance of authenticating the deity of Christ. What were the* ***three*** *“****signs****” (****with verses****) we’ve studied so far in John?*
3. *There are three parts to* ***John chapter 6****:* ***The Signs (6:1-24), the Sermon (6:25-59), and the Sifting (6:60-71).*** *The events in this chapter take place several months after chapter 5 and open with a description of how Jesus miraculously feeds some 15 to 20 thousand people on a hill near the northeast bank of the Sea of Galilee. This “****sign****” is the only one of Jesus’ miracles recorded in all four gospels. The significance of this event is expounded by the Lord in a discourse recorded later in John chapter 6 (****verses 25-59****). Read this account (****6:1-15****) carefully and give a brief description of* ***the people’s response, the disciples’ attitudes****,* ***and Jesus’ comments****.*
4. *The* ***fifth*** *of the* ***eight “signs”*** *of John is given in* ***verses 16-21****. Write a brief summary of this account* ***in two or three sentences****.*

* *From* ***Mark 6:45-52****, what additional information do you find regarding this event?*
* *One writer has said that this miracle was a “****dramatic object lesson to the disciples regarding Jesus’ character and identity****.” What do you think the disciples learn about His character and identity from this account? What did you takeway from this event?*

1. *From* ***6:22-24****, describe the scene and the attitudes of the people who had gone to this region.*
2. *Jesus’ famous discourse on the “****bread of life****” is recorded by John in* ***6:25-59****. The theme is found in* ***verse 35*** *where Jesus stated, “****I am the bread of life****.” This is the first of seven, emphatic “****I AM****” statements of Jesus in this gospel. John recorded Jesus’ eight “signs” to establish His deity, but he emphasized the discourses to correctly define who Jesus Christ is - not just a miracle worker, but the Son of God who came to save mankind from sin. This discourse takes place in the synagogue in Capernaum (****59****). Jesus uses the phrase, “****Truly, truly I say to you****” to begin His message, and three more times in the entire discourse. Read* ***6:25-40****. For each section, write the questions or comments raised by the people, followed by Jesus’ response:*
3. ***6:25-27****:*
4. ***6:28-29****:*
5. ***6:30-33****:*
6. ***6:34-40****:*

* *From the responses Jesus gives, write a brief summary statement of the main point He is making.*
* *How does a person “****work for the food which endures to eternal life****”? What does this look like, practically?*

1. *In* ***6:41****, the unbelieving Jews begin to grumble because of Jesus’ proclamation of His heavenly origin. Read Jesus’ response in* ***verses 42-51****, and list as many* ***theological truths*** *as you can identify in this passage.*
2. *How would you explain the meaning of Jesus’ teaching in* ***6:53-58****? (i.e., What does Jesus mean when He says, “eat My flesh”? Note: the Lord’s Supper, or communion, had not been instituted at this time)*

* *From* ***6:60, 66, and 68****, how do the disciples respond to this teaching? Why do you think they respond that way?*
* *How do Jesus’ words in* ***6:61-66*** *explain* ***6:53-58****?*