**“Bread of Life”**

**Going deeper in John 6:32-40**

**INTRODUCTION** Jesus has just performed the miracle of feeding the 5000 with five barley loaves and two small fish. Right after that the disciples have seen him walking on the water in the storm. He is now talking with a crowd who has gathered around him and they have asked what miraculous sign he will perform to get people to believe him. They remind Jesus that Moses brought down bread out of heaven (manna) for the people when they were in the wilderness. This is Jesus’ response.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.* 32 Then Jesus said, “I am really telling you the truth here. The significant thing in Scripture is not that Moses gave you bread from heaven, but that my heavenly father is right now giving you the real and true bread from heaven. 33 The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 Then they said, “Lord, give us that bread now and always!” 35 Jesus said, “I AM the bread of life. He who comes to me will not hunger and he who trusts in me will thirst no more, ever. 36 I have told you this because you have seen me at work and yet you do not believe. 37 Every person that the Father gives to me will run to me and I will never turn them away and I will hold on to them. 38 I came down from heaven not to follow my own agenda, but to accomplish the will of the One who sent me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent me that none of what he has given me will be lost, all will be completed and those he has given me will be raised up into real and eternal life on the last day. 40 This is my Father’s will who sent me, that everyone who looks to the Son and trusts him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the completion of time.

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. Prior to this Jesus has just performed the miracle of the fishes and loaves and the crowd has seen it. Now in verses 30-31 the people in the crowd have asked what miraculous sign is he going to perform. What does their question about a miraculous sign say about them? What are they interested in?

2. How does Jesus use the normal desire and need for food (bread) to illustrate what He really wants them to understand?

3. What are the similarities and differences between manna (Exodus 16) and the bread of life?

4. In verses 35-40 what are the claims that Jesus makes about his being the bread of life?

5. What practices help you in your hunger for God?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Praise God the Father for his faithfulness in sending God the Son (the bread of life).

\*Thank the Lord Jesus for coming into our world and into your life.

\*Ask the Holy Spirit to show you ways that you can share the bread of life with others.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

Jesus tells you that He is the bread of life. Will you turn to Him to get real nourishment this week? What is the junk food that needs to be set aside? Will you look for ways to share the bread of life this week like a beggar showing another beggar where there is bread?