INTRODUCTION

This weekend we continue our study of Jesus’ “Bread of Life” discourse. This short text is among the most controversial texts in John’s Gospel, but it can be easily understood and prized if we realize just how John is using these arguments. In the face of the crowd’s unbelief, He rests in the sovereign plan of God to save all who will “look on the Son and believe in Him.”

Understanding the Gospel Offer:  *Come ... believe:*  vs. 35

Realizing the Tragedy of Unbelief:  *Seeing is not believing:*  vs. 36

Resting in God’s Sovereign Plan:  *This is the will of Him who sent Me:*  vs. 37-40:

  *The Gift of God the Father:*  “All will come”

  *The Guarantee of God the Son:*  “Never cast out”

  *Our Responsibility:*  “Look ... believe …”

Grasping Our Privilege:  *Living out the Gospel*

  “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”  John 6:40
MONDAY | JOHN 6:35; PSALM 18:1-3
What hope does Jesus provide by saying that He is the Bread of Life? How should that encourage you to know that you can come to Jesus to satisfy the hunger in your soul? When you wrestle with difficult circumstances that happen week to week, what/who is the first place you run to? How often is it the Lord? How can you cultivate a heart that truly seeks the Lord to be the refuge or sustenance your soul needs, no matter the circumstances?

TUESDAY | JOHN 6:36; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-6
How does John 6:36 speak to those who say, “if God would just show Himself, I would believe”? How does understanding our sin shed light on why people don’t believe? How does 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 shed light on why people don’t believe? How does that passage also give hope for our evangelistic efforts?

WEDNESDAY | JOHN 6:37-38
Do you ever feel as if your evangelistic efforts are in vain? What hope should we find in Jesus’ words in these verses to be encouraged to continue? What should we learn from Jesus’ desire to do the Father’s will? How should we seek to emulate the same thing? What are some specific things God calls believers to do? How can you better live in light of the salvation you possess in Christ?

THURSDAY | JOHN 6:39-40; TITUS 2:13-14
What comfort should it provide us as believers to know that none of who the Father has given to the Son will be lost? How often do you think about the Resurrection? Why is the Resurrection our greatest hope as believers? How can you use these verses to encourage someone today? How can you use these verses to share the amazing good news of the Gospel with someone today?

FRIDAY | PRAY
Reflect on some of the questions from this week. Ask the Lord to help you grow in any areas you might be struggling in. Ask the Lord to help you look to Him always for refuge and hope. Pray for someone you know who is resistant to the Gospel. Ask the Lord to use you to speak hope and truth into their life. Pray for a greater confidence in the redemptive plan of the Father.

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