INTRODUCTION

This weekend we come to the stirring conclusion of Jesus’ dialogue with the crowd that had feasted on His multiplied loaves and fish. Once again, He sends shock-waves through them by demanding they “eat His flesh and drink His blood.” While centuries of misunderstanding this statement have divided the church, the meaning is simple: Unless you take Jesus into the very core of your being as the LORD of your life, evidenced through a conspicuously Godly life, you have not entered into eternal life yet.

The Crowd’s Confusion:  A Mystifying Metaphor: vs. 52

The Savior’s Confession:  A Truth with Consequences: vs. 53-58

- The Truth:  Jesus is the only source of spiritual life vs. 53,55

- The Consequences:
  Future Glorification: vs. 54
  Present Union: vs. 56
  Progressive Sanctification: vs. 57
  Eternal Living: vs. 58

The Savior’s Word to You and Me

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.” John 6.51
MONDAY | JOHN 6:52; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18
Take some time and write down some of the hard sayings Jesus made through all of the Gospels. Why do you think it is a trend in the Church to make the things Jesus said more palatable for people? What is lost when we “water down” the message of the cross? How should Paul’s words give you hope when sharing the Gospel? How do Paul’s words give you confidence in God’s ability to save?

TUESDAY | JOHN 6:53-54; MATTHEW 11:15, 13:10-17
Knowing that Jesus explains to His disciples that He was speaking spiritually a few verses later (John 6:63), why do you think He didn’t make this plain to the crowd? How does Matthew 11:15 illustrate what Jesus was doing? Why would Jesus speak to people in parables? How does this reality show our need for the Spirit of God to help us grow spiritually? How do you look to the Spirit for help?

WEDNESDAY | JOHN 6:55-56; JOHN 15:1-5
What does it mean to abide in Jesus? What does it mean for Jesus to abide in us? How are the verses in John 6 similar to the verses in John 15? What is the overall point Jesus is trying to make? What will happen to us when we do not take His word here seriously? How do you practice abiding in Christ on a daily basis?

What does it mean to have life in Christ? How does this verse help illustrate what that means? What is Jesus getting at when He says, “not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever”? In what way is Jesus better than the bread the fathers ate? How do the words in Hebrews affirm this reality? Why should that bring joy to your heart?

FRIDAY | PRAY
Reflect on some of the questions from this week. Ask the Lord to help you grow in any areas where you may struggle. Take some time to thank the LORD for sending His Spirit to help us understand the Word of God. Pray for a heart that truly abides in the Son. Ask the Lord to continue to weed out any sin that is in your heart. Praise God for the beautiful gift of eternal life.

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