



7-WEEK STUDY

on the seven **I Am** statements of Jesus

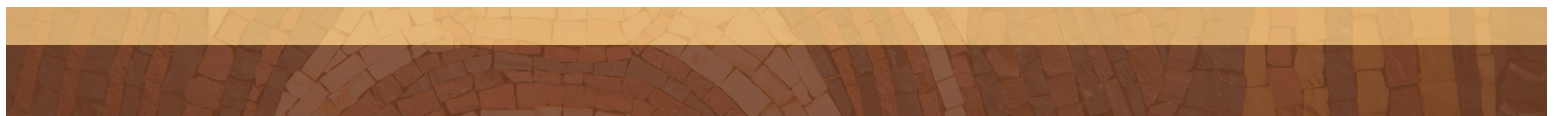
WEEK 1

Discussion Guide

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

John 6:35

To a hungry crowd, I was the answer. **I still am.**





WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: John 6:35-51

Secondary texts from this week: John 6:1-15, John 6:25-34, Exodus 16:1-26

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To better understand Jesus' statement "I am the bread of life"

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: Bread comes in all sorts of shapes and sizes and flavors. What is your favorite type of bread?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. On Sunday, Pastor Doug pointed out that we all have a tendency to prioritize other things above Jesus in our lives. What are some of the things in your life that sometimes push Jesus out of the way?
Examples could include things like: job, family, friends, school, sports, money, busyness, etc.
2. Have you ever faced an impossible situation where you felt overwhelmed and completely unable to meet the needs of your situation? Talk about your specific situation (health problems, financial problems, relationship problems, etc). What did you do and how did you get through it?
3. Other than the resurrection, the feeding of the 5,000 is the only other miracle recorded in all four Gospels (**Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15**). How important is this miracle in the life of Jesus, and why? **Note:** If time permits, select four people to read each of the four accounts out loud and discuss the similarities and differences.
4. Have someone in the group read **John 6:26**. What did the crowd really want from Jesus? Do you think Christians today tend to come to Jesus for the same reason?
5. Have someone read **John 6:60-66**. Why did many of Jesus' disciples (not including the twelve) turn away from following Jesus? What are some of the reasons people are tempted to turn away from Him today?
6. Have someone read the story in **John 4:7-14**. What similarities do you notice between this story and the story in John 6. How does the woman's response in John 4 (see **John 4:28-30**) differ from the response of the disciples in **John 6:66**?
7. Have someone read Peter's response to Jesus in **John 6:68-69**. How can we live each day with that kind of faith and surrender?



PRAYER

Pray for each other: Pray that each person in your group would learn to fully depend on Jesus for life.

Pray for yourself: Pray that God would help you surrender your priorities under the lordship of Jesus.

Pray for your four: Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently. Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

ACTION STEPS

Make a list. Make a list of some of the things in your life that you tend to elevate above Jesus. Each day this week, name one of those things in prayer and surrender it to Jesus.

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