



Week of August 19, 2018

John 6:51-58

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;

⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."



Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

Gathering questions:

- A. What was the most confusing thing you learned about in school?
- B. When you were a kid, were you more likely to tease others or be teased? On what basis?

Bible Study Questions:

1. Consider the question posed in verse 52. Why do you think the question remains unanswered in this passage?
2. In verse 55, Jesus refers to his body as "true food" and his blood as "true drink." What are the "not true" food and drink?
3. How do you think the listeners were interpreting what it meant to "eat" and "drink" of Jesus? Why do you think Jesus never explains himself in this passage?
4. Why do you think Jesus isn't worried about offending his listeners?
5. Accusing people of cannibalism was one of the worst ways to disparage a group. What are ways in which the powerful people today use language to demean the powerless? How have Christians participated in demeaning other groups with untrue accusations?
6. Who are the "out" groups today? How can Christians identify with them?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers about ways to side with those who are marginalized.