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The Bread of Life
John 6:24-51

Have you ever pursued someone or something that didn't last?

Jesus wants us to pursue him for:

I. More than _____

John 6:24-27 *Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. 25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" 26 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. 27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."*

- What the crowd wants from Jesus --
- What we want from Jesus --

II. More than _____

John 6:28-34 *Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" 29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." 30 So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 32 Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."*

- Exodus 16 --

III. More _____

John 6:35 *Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty "*

John 6:48-51... *" I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. 50 But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."*

- v. 35, 48, 51 "zoe" --

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What do you want from Jesus? Have you ever turned away from Jesus because you didn't get what you wanted?
2. Have you ever felt like you needed to do certain things to be right with God? When did you recognize God's grace?
3. What are you pursuing in life that will not last? What things might have to take second place if you pursue Jesus first?

Have you ever fasted as a means of drawing closer to Christ? Fasting is a physical means of expressing dependence on Christ and seeking God's will that Christians have practiced for centuries. This week (or for the next 5 weeks), pick a day to fast from one or more meals, TV, or social media, and spend that time in prayer, Bible reading (suggested reading: Gospel of John), or silence. See what God does in your life.

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email krisbeckert@thevineva.org or call 703.573.5836 to set up an appointment.