

Firestarter: John

Scripture: John 6:25-59

Before you read

1. Gather a pen, paper, and highlighters (for marking in your Bible).
2. Pray, asking God for wisdom and understanding of the word you are about to read.
3. Read the section more than one time.
 - First, read to understand.
 - Second, read to notice.
 - Third, read for questions. Record your questions as you read and see if you can answer them. Then Choose 3 questions from the observation section and find their answers.
 - Fourth, mark all the words that refer to **bread/food**.

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OBSERVATION:

Should believing in Jesus affect your works (v. 29)? How?

Why did the people ask Jesus for another sign (vv. 30-31) after they had experienced a great miracle (cf. 6:5-15)?

What does Jesus mean when He says, "I am the bread of life"? (See 6:35 note.)

How will people who believe in Jesus never go hungry or thirsty?

What will Jesus never do? (See 6:37 note.)

How does the Father draw people to Jesus? (See 6:44 note.)

What does Jesus mean when He says that whoever eats His flesh and drinks His blood will have eternal life? (See 6:54 note.)

APPLICATION:

What do you do when you're starving? You eat. Even when you're not hungry, you eat because it's necessary—and you probably enjoy it. Apply that to your spiritual life. If you're truly hungry, you'll feed your spirit through time with God in His Word and prayer. If you're not taking this time regularly, it's either because you're not hungry for God, you don't enjoy time with Him, or you don't

realize how necessary it is for your spiritual life, health, and well-being. Determine to feed your soul, and see how God's Word satisfies a hungry soul.

How would you describe "God's will" and how it relates to your life? (See 6:40 note.)

How do your choices affect God's will for your life?

Why is it important to respond when you sense the Holy Spirit drawing you to God?

ACTION Step: Take your Bible with you today. During your free time, feed on God's Word. Try reading Proverbs, which is full of practical wisdom. Make a conscious effort today—and every day—to do things God's way rather than your way. And if you sense the Holy Spirit drawing you to Jesus—perhaps to accept His forgiveness and new life for the first time—don't resist any longer. Give your life to Him, and let Him restore your purpose.

PRAY:

Ask Jesus to help you focus your efforts on things of eternal value. Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and power so you can fulfill God's perfect will. Thank Jesus for being the bread of life that satisfies your spiritual hunger.