

## Community Group Discussion Guide

## Week of February 21, 2016

**<u>This Week's Focus:</u>** Jesus is the bread of life, and all who believe will eternally experience the spiritual nourishment their hungry hearts long for.

**Ihis Week's Text**: John 6:20-40

"All other treasures, all other pleasures point to this. Jesus is the all satisfying end of every longing."

John Piper

## **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What are your general impressions about this week's sermon?
- According to Jesus' words in verse 26, why did the crowds chase him? Does this contradict John's statement in verse 2?
- Rather than answer their question, what spiritual insight does Jesus give the crowds? If Jesus wasn't telling the people to quit their jobs, what was he teaching them about themselves and about himself?
- What does it mean that God the Father "has set his seal" on Jesus?
- According to Jesus, how can we perform God honoring work? Read Ephesians 2:8-10 and discuss how it is God's gift of grace that empowers good deeds. How is this different from all other religions?
- How did the people want Jesus to prove that he was worthy of their belief and faith? How did Jesus respond? How is Jesus greater than Moses who the people believe provided mana and God's law?
- According to Jesus' words in verses 35-40, what is the only thing that can nourish and eternally satisfy the human heart? What is God the Father's plan that Jesus was sent to accomplish?
- Discuss how eternal life is "already but not yet." How do we presently experience eternal life? How will we experience eternal life when Jesus returns? Rejoice together that those who believe in Jesus are eternally secure in God's love and grace.
- How does the passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?