

Women's Bible Study

Study Questions for February 28, 2017

John 6 – Svea Merry

1. Begin your study with prayer and then read John chapter 6.

2. Note from verse 4 when this chapter took place: _____. Skim Matthew 26 to see what major events happen at this same time exactly one year later. In what ways does this chapter foreshadow what was to come?

3. Read through the miracle story in verses 5–13 and if it is very familiar to you, look for a detail that you may not have noticed before.

4. Mark 6:52 reveals that the disciples didn't understand the meaning behind the miracle of the feeding of the multitude. What could they have learned about Jesus from this miracle?

5. According to verse 26, what was the crowd's motivation at this point to find Jesus? What does he tell them in verses 27–28 to work for instead? And from verse 29, what is that "work?"

6. In verses 30–34, what did the people *still* fail to understand?

7. From verses 35–58, how do we receive eternal life?

8. What additional key information does Jesus reveal in verse 63 that leads to whether one believes?

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1. Look at verses 2 and 26 to see why the crowds were seeking Jesus. In what ways do we too sometimes seek Jesus for what he could do for us rather than believe in who he is and how his redeeming love gives us abundant life?

2. Consider verse 5 for a minute. Jesus was moved with compassion to provide for the needs of the crowd. Read Matthew 14:15 to see what the disciples instead were thinking. Consider Philip and Andrew's responses to Jesus in John 6:7-9. If you'd been there, would your response resemble theirs? Do you expect God to provide in miraculous ways today or is it often hard to see beyond the practical side of life's problems?

3. Mark 6:50-52 tells us that the disciples were afraid and then utterly astounded by Jesus because "they did not understand about the loaves." What could they have understood from the miraculous feeding that would have changed their lives and how they view Jesus? Do you believe the truths you just identified apply to your life?

4. In verse 27, Jesus tells people not to labor for the food that perishes but for the food that endures to eternal life. Read verses 28 and 29 and identify how we get this "food." Do you struggle with feeling like you need to earn this gift? Why or why not?

5. Look at verse 34. Would the people have been truly satisfied if Jesus gave them what they requested? How is what Jesus offers so much better than what they thought they wanted?

6. In verses 53-58, Jesus promises that if we feed on him, we will have life. This life is not just what we anticipate in Heaven with him forever, but also satisfaction in this life. Discuss ways we can "feed" on Jesus and be satisfied in him this week.