



Sermon-Based Study Guide
Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
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I. Introduction to this Study

This week we conclude our Lenten series 24/6 and begin Holy Week on Passion/Palm Sunday. We will also hear the Palm Sunday reading from John's Gospel (chapter 12) as our Scripture reading.

And then we will spend a few minutes listening for God's word to us from John 6:15-29. I hope we can rest in the promises of Jesus this week and every day that the Lord gives us. He is King of kings and Lord of Lords; and He calls us to not be afraid and to place trust in Him, the Bread of Life, for our earthly needs and our eternal hope.

II. Connecting with One Another

Do you have a favorite spot/place you like to go and be alone? Has that changed since the "Stay at Home" order was given a few weeks ago?

Where can you testify to Jesus showing up unexpectedly in a life situation?

Reflect back on the very 1st time you ever "heard" about Jesus? Who/What/Where???

III. Study the Text

a. How could the nearness of the Passover feast (see John 5.1) [when Jews from all over came to Jerusalem] fuel the desires of the people (vv. 14-15)? What does Jesus' response indicate about His idea of His Kingship? (see also John 12.14-16)

b. How would have you reacted if you saw Jesus on the water? When He climbed on board, and suddenly they were at their intended destination (i.e., Capernaum)?

Read John 5:1-14, what did the disciples fail to see in the feeding of the 5,000 that could have helped them here? (vv. 16-21)

c. **Verses 22-23**

What do make of the reaction of the crowd? [Keeping in mind they were the ones, who the day before had been fed (physically and miraculously) by Jesus]

"Boats from Tiberius landed near..." – what are you thinking about this occurrence?

"...the place the people had eaten the bread..." – what is John teaching us about Jesus' upcoming proclamation that He is the [true] Bread of Life? (vv. 32 fwd.)

d. **Verses 24-29**

Why are the crowds still searching for Jesus?

How does Jesus' response to their question show the difference between His interests and theirs?

How are they to work for the food that leads to eternal life (v. 29)?

Do you wrestle at all with Jesus' answer here?



IV. Pray

- a. Where in your life do you need Jesus to say, “It is I; don’t be afraid”? (John 6.20)
- b. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving that Jesus invites us out of the grace of God to, “TRUST HIM” – and become a child of God. (John 6.29)
- c. Do you TRUST Jesus to be your BREAD OF LIFE? (John 6.35)

V. Digging Deeper

- a. Read the entire “Bread of Life” discourse, John 6.15-70. What jumps out at you? Especially as we are entering Holy Week this year in a context of being the Church that none of us have ever faced before in our lifetimes?
- b. What is the main reason you follow Jesus?
- c. What words of Jesus are hard for you to accept?

