

Believe and Have Life

The Gospel of John

John 6:22–42

Review John 6:1–21. Read John 6:22–42.

1. What do we know, thus far, about these people who have followed Jesus to Capernaum? (6:1–2, 10–11, 14–15, 24)

2. Why is the crowd curious about how and when Jesus got to Capernaum? (6:22–25)


3. In verses 26–27, Jesus responds indirectly to the people.
 - a. What would a direct answer reveal? (6:16–21; Mk. 6:45–54)

 - b. Who is Jesus saying he is? (v. 27; Daniel 7:13–14)


 - c. Do you think a miraculous sign would have convinced these people to believe Jesus was who he said he was? Why or why not?


 - d. Why do you think Jesus responds the way he does?

4. Jesus wants to satisfy the crowd, but this time he offers something better than the multiplied loaves and fish (6:11).
 - a. What are the people looking for? (vv. 26, 30–31)

 - b. What is he offering? (v. 27; * Is. 55:1–3; Matt. 5:6)

 - c. More specifically, what is he offering them? (vv. 32–35)

*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.

5. If we follow what Jesus is saying, the way to “work” for “food that endures to eternal life” is to _____ (v. 29).
6. Jesus is the “true bread from heaven” (v. 32), sent from the Father, that “produces and sustains everlasting life.”¹
- What will Jesus do so that the people can have this “bread”? (Jn. 6:51; Mt. 16:21)
 - While the crowd says they want this bread, what do they refuse to do? (v. 36)
 - What proved to be a barrier to the Galileans’ believing in Jesus? (vv. 41, 42; * Jn. 1:11; Lk. 4:24)
7. What is guaranteed to those who believe in Jesus? (vv. 37b, 39, 40)
8. Jesus often refers to his Father when he teaches.²
- In what ways does Jesus describe God the Father’s activity?
v. 27

vv. 32–33

v. 37a
 - In what ways does Jesus describe God the Father’s will?
v. 39

v. 40
9. Some say “seeing is believing,” and yet Jesus said to this crowd, “you have seen me and still you do not believe” (v. 36). Write a short testimony of the miraculous work God did in your life that enabled you to see Jesus and believe in Him. You may want to consider verse 37 and 1 Peter 1:8, 9.

¹ William Hendriksen, *The Gospel of John*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1953), p. 231.

² John 3:16–17, 4:2, 23–24, 5:17, 19–23, 30, 36–38, 43, 45.