

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for November 13-14, 2004

"The Bread of Life"

John 6:41-51

The Apostle John used the "feeding of the 5,000" and "Christ walking on water" as a transition into the "Bread of Life" discourse in John 6:22-71.

The first part of the "Bread of Life" discourse began with a challenge in John 6:22-27.

The second part of the "Bread of Life" discourse consisted of a promise in John 6:28-40.

The third part of the "Bread of Life" discourse consisted of various responses.

The first response could be entitled "we know where you came from" in John 6:41-51.

The Jews' questioning of Christ's heavenly origin was consistent with their rejection of Him as the "Bread of Life" in the "feeding of the 5,000."

In John 6:37, the impossibility of someone coming to Christ apart from the Father drawing him was inferred, but in John 6:44 it is clearly stated.

Jesus quoting Isaiah 54:13 supported His teaching that no one will come to Him unless the Father draws them, or in other words teaches them.

People will know when God the Father is teaching them, when they are willing to embrace Christ and the words of Christ.

The Father is trying to teach us all those things that Christ shared with the Jewish multitude in John 6:27-40 and which He now repeats for us in John 6:47-50.

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When Christ told the Jewish multitude that the bread that He shall give for the life of the world is His flesh, it further provoked the Jewish multitude (John 6:52).

If the church is going to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, there must be an unwavering commitment to the proclamation of Bible doctrine.