

Women's Bible Study

John 6:41-70

1. Jesus says multiple times in chapter six—"I have come down from heaven," what was Jesus wanting to declare about himself, and why was there grumbling from the Jews as a response to this? What 'authority' or power did the Jews THINK they had over Jesus?

2. What differences did Jesus want to highlight for the crowd when he contrasted himself as the "Bread of Life" with the manna that God had provided the Israelites in the desert?

3. Re-read John 4:32, 34 to compare how Jesus uses the metaphor of 'food' (that which enlivens or sustains us) with what He says is "real food and real drink" (life-giving) which comes from him?

4. Jesus indicates that IF these earthly metaphors of 'feeding upon or partaking of' Christ's sacrifice of his body and blood offended them, then they will also be offended by the Spirit's way(s) of giving life (see verses 62-63) in the resurrection. Why do you think at this point many of his followers turned away?

5. What was Peter's reasoning for his/the disciples' not abandoning Jesus? How was he able to "see" such spiritual truths? (See 1 Corinthians 2:12-14)

6. Express to those in your group how and why it is such GREAT NEWS that "Jesus chooses his followers", and that "none will come to Jesus unless they are drawn by the Father"? (Note verses 44, 65 & 70)