SERMON OUTLINE John 6:22-40

Seeking and Finding Jesus

SEEKING JESUS (22-24)

FINDING JESUS (25-40)

Seek True Satisfaction from Me (25-27)

Seek True Satisfaction through Me (28-29)

Seek True Satisfaction in Me (30-35)

Seeking and Finding Satisfaction from, through, and in Me is a Gift from God (36-40)



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

There are two main points of this difficult passage. The first is that Jesus will be accepted on His terms—all of His terms and only His terms—or none at all. And the second is that accepting Jesus on His terms—no matter how strange or severe they seem—is the one and only path to eternal life. The main takeaways for us, then, are to find Jesus' terms and eagerly accept them entirely!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
- 2. What is the most difficult passage of the Bible you've ever encountered? Has it changed over time? What makes it difficult?
- 3. How do you make sense of John 6:53-54? What is your reaction to it? Do you think it's meant to be shocking? Is it possible to obey? Is it hard to obey? "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."
- 4. Why do you think the relationship between Jesus and the crowds changed so often? Do you have any relationships in your life like that? How do you handle them? How does your handling compare/contrast with the way Jesus did?
- 5. In what ways are you seeking Jesus? How often would you say you "find Him"?
- 6. Is there anything you've found in Jesus that was hard to accept?
- 7. Pastor Dave said that salvation and satisfaction are found from, through, and (most importantly) in Jesus. What did he mean? How have you found that to be the case in your life? Where are you most tempted to seek those things from, through, and in something/one else?
- 8. Do you tend to want to work for God's favor? How does that show up in your life?
- 9. What do you think of Pastor Dave's statement, "Seeking and finding satisfaction from, through, and in Jesus is a gift from God." How does that relate to passages like 6:39 and 6:44? Has that been your experience?
- 10. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

- 11. Spend some time working through a challenging passage of the Bible this week. Read it, read the broader context, pray over it, ask others how they understand it, and consult a good commentary.
- 12. Carefully consider the seven "I am" claims of Jesus. Come up with one specific application from each and do it.
- 13. Ask an unbeliever to consider John 6:53-54. Use that opportunity to share the gospel with them.
- 14. Identify one thing in your life that is competing with Jesus for your highest affection. Repent and put it in its rightful place.
- 15. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

- 16. Adoration. Praise God for being all-sustaining. Praise God for being fearless. Praise God for being gracious.
- 17. Confess. Confess any ways you've been lazy in seeking Jesus. Confess any areas you are uncomfortable with Jesus. Confess any ways you've shied away from the harder commands or truths of the Bible.
- 18. Thanksgiving. Thank God for giving you the gift of faith in Jesus. Thank God for sustaining you now and forever through Jesus. Thank God for His perfect salvation and satisfaction.
- 19. Supplication. Ask God to save a non-believing friend or family member. Ask God to help you understand and live out His Word–all of it. Ask God to make our church entirely satisfied in all that Jesus is for us. Ask God to persevere us in faith.

