

**“The Last Word:
Starving for Bread When the Pantry Is Full”**
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○ **John 6:1-20**

- Lesson #1—No matter how small your _____, in the hands of the Master it can _____ the world. (John 6:9)
 - *Desire of Ages*: “The means in our possession may not seem to be sufficient for the work; but if we will move forward in faith, believing in the all-sufficient power of God, abundant resources will open before us. *If the work be of God, He Himself will provide the means for its accomplishment.* He will reward honest, simple reliance upon Him. The little that is wisely and economically used in the service of the Lord of heaven will _____ in the very act of imparting.” (371, emphasis supplied)
- Lesson #2—Ambition for _____ will _____ you.
 - Robert H. Smith: “The crowds are astonished by this great ‘sign.’ . . . They call Jesus ‘the prophet.’ And, impressed by his powers, they want to make him ‘king.’ *The prophet and king* are high compliments, but not high enough.” (*Wounded Lord* 64, 65)

○ **John 6:21-69**

- The world over, what benefits does bread provide for the human consumer?
 - It nourishes _____ you.
 - It _____ you.
 - It _____ you.
 - It _____ you.
 - It _____ you.
 - It _____ you.
 - It _____ you.
- *Is it possible that Jesus Himself offers to fulfill all these provisions if we will “eat” the Bread of Life?*
 - Craig Keener: “‘Flesh’ and ‘blood’ show the believer’s absolute dependence on Christ’s death. . . . John not only omits the final paschal meal in his Passion Narrative; he makes Jesus’ actual death the real Passover. . . . John plainly moves the Passover from the Last Supper to the crucifixion. In the context of the entire Gospel, John’s eucharistic language thus applies directly to Jesus’ death; the way one partakes is through faith and the Spirit. John’s words invite his audience to look to Christ’s death itself, not merely to those symbols which point to his death.” (*The Gospel of John* 1:690)
 - Christ’s bold language is His call to His disciples to meet Him at the _____.
 - *Desire of Ages*: “To eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ is to receive Him as a _____ Saviour, believing that He forgives our sins, and that we are complete in Him. It is by beholding His love, by dwelling upon it, by drinking it in, that we are to become partakers of His nature. What _____ is to the body, Christ must be to the _____. Food cannot benefit us unless we eat it, unless it becomes a part of our being. So Christ is of no value to us if we do not know Him as a personal Saviour. A theoretical knowledge will do us no good. We must feed upon Him, receive Him into the heart, so that His life becomes our life. His love, His grace, must be assimilated.” (389)
- How to “eat” the flesh and “drink” the blood of your personal Savior:
 - Time _____ with Jesus daily.
 - One slice, one Gospel _____ a day.
 - _____ over the meaning of the story.
 - _____ to the picture of Jesus the Spirit reveals to you.
 - _____ before the Crucified One and offer Him your _____.
- Jesus is your _____ food.

Have you eaten your Bread today?

gift, feed, increase, power, destroy, (6 lines after nourishes left blank—will be filled in by responses from audience), foot of the cross, personal, food, soul, alone, story, “Chew”, Respond, Kneel, day, soul