

Group Reflection Questions

1. What would be the hardest “worldly comfort or treasure” for you to give up?
2. Have you ever had a time in your life when you have been completely dependent on God for your survival? Have you ever come close?
3. What brings meaning to you during a communion service? Or does it have much meaning for you?
4. Are there issues from your life that make it difficult for you to fully put your trust in God today? Are there experiences that have caused you to trust Him more?
5. Is God calling you to reach out to someone even if it might mean giving up some of your own comforts?

The Bread of Heaven Never Goes Stale

John 6:22-40

Jesus begins our passage today with an object lesson: The feeding of the 5000. Not a bad object lesson, if you can pull it off! He then goes on to make a comparison between himself and the manna that was given to the Israelites in the desert. As the Jews wandered in the desert God gave them the provision they needed daily by sending what they *needed*; no more, no less.

Just like that manna, Jesus tells us he will give us what we need. Wanting to make sure our bodies are well fed and protected or even seeking a surplus can become a driving force in our life. This drive can easily take precedence in our lives. The desire to “have our ducks in a row” can also keep us from where God might send us .

In our fear-filled world Jesus comes with a word to His followers: “I am the Bread of Heaven.” Jesus promises us God will give us what we need. The Bread of Heaven is sufficient for us as we are sent out into the world, just as Jesus was sent