

(22) On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but that His disciples had gone away alone. Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

(25) When they found Him on the other side, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but [work] for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him God the Father has set His seal.”

(28) Then they said to Him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God --- that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

(30) So they said to Him, “Then what sign do You do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

(34) They said to Him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.

(37) All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my will but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent me --- that I should lose nothing of all that He has given Me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father --- that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Think on these things:

1) When the crowd finally caught up with Jesus again (v.25), they asked Him a “how” question. Jesus responded with a “why” response. What did the crowd want to know (v.25), and what did Jesus want to tell them (v.26)?

How Q from the crowd? _____

Why response by Jesus? _____

2) Jesus says we should not work just to meet our daily food needs (v.27). He earlier taught that God knows our physical needs and will provide for them (Matthew 6:25-34). Now Jesus teaches them that there is a “food that endures to eternal life.” Whom has God the Father marked with a seal to give mankind this “food that endures to eternal life.”

3) What did Jesus say is the “work of God” that leads to eternal life when the people asked Him about it (v.29 - Note, it’s not anything “to do” [work] at all, but a life-altering personal decision!)

4) Remember that yesterday, Jesus fed a crowd counted as about 5,000 men with 5 small barley loaves and two fish. Now, in response to Jesus’ teaching about the “work of God” leading to eternal life in v.30, this same crowd basically says to Jesus, “Prove it. Perform for us a sign.” People always seem to want Jesus to **do** things for them, while Jesus wanted to teach them about eternity and eternal life.... What was Jesus’ rebuke to them in vs.26, 36?

5) The crowd then recalls to Jesus that Moses brought their fathers “manna” from heaven in the desert. Jesus clarifies that the manna was not from Moses, but God. What is “God’s bread,” what does the “bread” do for believers, and are we speaking about the natural or the eternal?

God’s bread? (v.33a, 35) _____

For believers? (v.33b) _____

Natural or eternal? (v.40) _____

6) Who will be saved (kept) by Jesus (v.37)? Jesus, doing the Father’s will (v.38), explains what that will is in vs.39-40. What does Jesus explain is the Father’s will for Him?

Who will be saved? _____

Father’s Will for Jesus? _____

7) V.37 says Jesus will not “cast out” or lose any who come to a knowledge of Him and take the step of belief (v.40). What do you think is our part in this evangelism plan of Father & Son? How does the promise of being raised up on the last day impact you?

Our part? _____

Impact to me? _____

8) What concept of living the Christian life does Jesus model for us in v.38?

People and situations I want to pray for this week: