Starving for the Bread of Life John 6:22-71

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Intro - Why John Wrote the Gospel of John

<u>Key Verse</u> (John 20:31) – ... these (signs) have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Background - The Sign of the Bread of Life

<u>Key Verse</u> (John 6:35) – ... I AM the Bread of Life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

How to Starve Yourself

<u>Key Verse</u> (John 6:27) – Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life.

Application: Pray for God to reveal what you have your heart set on.

How to Not Starve Yourself

<u>Key Verse</u> (John 6:54) – He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

<u>Application</u>: Feed on His Word daily and memorize it.

How to Entrust Yourself to Him

<u>Key Verse</u> (John 6:29) – This is the work of God (HIS work), that you believe in Him whom He has sent.

<u>Application</u>: Pray for a soft heart toward God as He does HIS work in you.

Questions for Further Thought

- Q1 What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
- Q2 Why does Jesus call Himself the Bread of Life? What is He telling us about Himself? What is He saying about us?
- Q3 How important to your happiness are these things?

 1-not at all 2-somewhat 3-very 4-super 5-all consuming
 - Health
 - Wealth and Education
 - Power and Politics
 - Fame and Approval
 - Entertainment (sports, tech, media, games)
 - Success and Accomplishments
 - Family Life
 - Comfort
 - Self-regard (for virtue, awareness)
 - Appetites (like sex, food, drugs, travel)
 - Other foods which perish?
- Q4 Is there a difference between happiness and satisfaction? Why is Christ the only source of true everlasting spiritual satisfaction?
- Q5 To believe even more in Jesus as the Bread of Life, what should you start doing, and what should you start praying to Him about?