

God Does the Work

John 6:41-59

I. Intro

II. John 6:41-59

A. 41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me- 46 not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

B. 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "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. 54 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. 56 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." 59 Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

III. Summary

- A. Jesus claims to be God
- B. Jesus feeds 5000 w/ bread
 - 1. His miracles always point to a bigger truth
- C. "I am the bread of life" teaching
- D. People get mad at Jesus, the grumble just like in the wilderness
- E. Jesus isn't bothered by them b/c he knows that not all will be open to him or his message
- F. God is ultimately in control of who comes to Jesus to receive him
 - 1. Nobody comes unless drawn = nobody can come to God of their own ability or accord. They need to be moved.

- G. Those who don't come aren't being drawn (yet?)
 - H. But to all who come, Jesus is the bread that leads to eternal life!
- IV. Teach about God/Jesus:
- A. Jesus is from heaven
 - B. Jesus is the bread that leads to eternal life
 - C. Jesus is sent by God the Father
 - D. The Father draws people to Jesus
 - E. Jesus raises (glorifies) people
 - 1. Which is a work of God, so - therefore - Jesus is God
 - F. God teaches. How? By his Word and his Spirit!
 - G. Only Jesus has seen the Father, and he shows him to us
 - 1. He is the visible image of the invisible God
- V. Teach about Mankind:
- A. We grumble when we don't understand things.
 - B. We cannot come to God of our own accord.
 - C. The Father graciously draws ME!
 - D. We can have eternal life if we come to Jesus.
 - E. God teaches me by his Spirit and his Word. I don't teach myself.
- VI. What does this mean for us?
- A. God draws people.**
 - B. God teaches people by his Spirit and the Word.**
 - C. God raises all who come to him.**
 - D. It is all God's work, so let's join him!**
- VII. What should I do / will I do? If it is God's work...
- A. Let him lead the way.**
 - 1. Have faith like a child...
 - B. I need to be ready.**
 - 1. Do I have the Word hidden in my heart?
 - 2. Am I in prayer (since it is a spiritual work)?
 - 3. Am I filled with his Spirit?
 - 4. Do I have the tools necessary to get out of the way of the Spirit of God and the Word?
 - 5. Go sailing!
- VIII. Questions to consider:
- A. Am I spiritually alive in Christ?**
 - B. Am I spiritually healthy to join God in His work? Am I abiding, available, intimate, fed, obedient, etc?**
 - C. Am I equipped with the basic tools needed to let the Holy Spirit and the Word of God do the work through me (and despite me)?**
 - D. Where is God working in my social circles?**