

Spiritual Hunger

Jesus Feeding the 5000

John 6

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When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" John 6:5

Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" John 6:7

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" John 6:8-9

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. John 6:10

Jesus brought _____ to the hungry

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. John 6:11-13

We are to be the _____ through whom

Jesus feeds the hungry today.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. Matthew 25:34

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, Matthew 25:35

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? Matthew 25:37

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' **Matthew 25:40**

There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. **Acts 4:34-35**

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. **1 John 3:17-18**

Jesus was more concerned about

_____ *food that He was physical food.*

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. **John 6:26**

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. **John 6:27**

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"I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life."
John 6:47-48

Four Principles of Spiritual Hunger

1. Man is primarily a spiritual being with a _____ .

May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Thessalonians 5:23**

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. **Hebrews 4:12**

2. Our souls crave _____ food.

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Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" **Matthew 4:4, Deuteronomy 8:3**

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? Psalm 42:1-2

“The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “when I will send a famine through the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it. “In that day “the lovely young women and strong young men will faint because of thirst. Amos 8:11-13

“When men choose not to believe in God, they do not thereafter believe in nothing, they then become capable of believing in anything.”
—G.K. Chesterton

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:29

3. Only Jesus Christ can _____ our spiritual hunger of the soul.
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“Three Needs of the Inner Man”

- Forgiveness of our sin
 - Hope beyond the grave
 - Real meaning in life
- Theologian, Paul Tillich

4. Jesus Christ continues to feed us _____ we come to Him.
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Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matthew 5:6

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. 1 Peter 2:2

Jesus feeds us is by reading and studying the _____ .
Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. John 15:17

Jesus feeds us through _____ and teaching.

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" **Luke 24:32**

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." **John 6:53**

Jesus feeds us is by _____ and communion.

That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. **1 Corinthians 11:30**

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Jesus feeds us when we feed others." **John 4:34**

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. **John 6:66-67**

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." **John 6:68**

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