

CRISIS OF FAITH STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 2: WHY ISN'T MY LIFE TURNING OUT HOW I HOPED?

Primary Passage: John 6:22-68

Related Passages: Matthew 13:44-46, Philippians 3:18-20

"Happiness is our only duty today, self-betrayal our only sin. It's not simply that the lines of morality have blurred in modern times, making truth relative. It's not even that religious belief has waned. Rather, the good life has been radically redefined according to the benefit of the individual while the former measures of flourishing—God's glory, society's health, the family's well-being—have been displaced."

- Jen Pollock Michel

"Jesus did not come into the world mainly to give bread, but to be bread... [He] did not come into the world to assist you in meeting desires you already had before. He came into the world to change your desires so that he is the main one."

- John Piper

LifeGroup Study Guide:

Read John 6:22-27. How would you describe Jesus' response to the crowd in these verses? Why does He respond this way? When in your life has God responded differently than you expected or desired?

Read John 6:66. Why did the crowd withdraw from Jesus? Have there been any times in your life when you were tempted to walk away from Jesus because your circumstances weren't going how you wanted?

Read Matthew 13:44-46 and John 6:67-68. Why did the disciples respond so differently from the crowd?

What are you treasuring more than Jesus right now? What are you trying to use Jesus to get? (i.e. where do you want the gifts of God more than God Himself)?

Would you say Jesus is your greatest treasure? Why or why not?

- Would you give up everything to have Him?
- Would you give up control over your life direction to have Him?
- Are you willing to give up your dreams to have him?
- Would you give up your preferred sex life to have him?
- Would heaven be heaven if you got everything else you wanted but Jesus wasn't there?

How are you actively feasting on the bread of life?

How as a LifeGroup can we encourage each other to repent from using Jesus to get other gifts and remember that Jesus is the best that life has to offer?

Pray that we as a church family would grow together in laying down our own desires and preferences at the feet of Jesus.

Pray that we desire Jesus above everything else in our lives.