

## THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

# Learner's test of belief and trust of Jesus' divinity (part 3)

Session Number: 20 | Week: 4 | Day: 1

Bible Passage

John 6: 31-58

Introduction

This session, John 6: 32-58, focuses on the conversations (inputs and reflections) between Jesus the teacher and his disciples the learners. In this conversation, which followed the previous feeding of the 5000 men, Jesus tested their belief of him being the bread of life. The learners viewed Jesus just as a human being, the son of Joseph (John 6:42).

**Session Objectives** 

By the end of this session the learner will have:

- Appreciated that God always test, or assess believers and disciples.
- Understood the perspective of students, crowds and disciples following Jesus by following at the conversations between Jesus and the followers.
- Identified the only work God require of us, believing that Jesus is the bread of Life

#### **Session Outline**

- 1. People view Jesus as the son of Joseph
- 2. I AM the bread of life
- 3. Benefits of believing Jesus is the bread of life

## Connecting

- Study together in a group of two or more people.
- Begin with a prayer, asking God to bless your understanding.
- Read the passage at least twice using different Bible versions, then retell the story among your group members.
- Share the challenges and blessings from the previous day.

## Comprehending

- Read John 6: 30-31. What did the crowds believe about the bread for the travellers? What was their view of Jesus? (John 6:42)
- What is the one thing these traveller's, or followers of Jesus, would believe about Jesus? John 6: 33-35, 41, 48, 51.

- Read John 6: 35-44. What were the benefits of believing that Jesus is the bread of life to keep us on the stairway? List three things that hindered these travellers to believe Jesus is the bread of life?
- Read John 6: 32-58, Using the talk about bread, list 4 claims
  Jesus said as being equal to God, so they could believe in him.

# Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you learnt as an agent of change that you would practice and teach others about
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ now.
- Engage SPACEPETS model, to do something after the session. Look for:
  - Sin to confess
  - Promise to claim
  - Attitude to change
  - Command to keep
  - Error to change
  - Prayer to make
  - **Example** to copy
  - Truth to obey and
  - Something praiseworthy

## Communicating

- Identify one person and share the lessons you learnt in this session?
- Visit or call a new believer and Pray with them over the issues they are struggling with. Issue of attending the church.
- Form another group and repeat this study.