

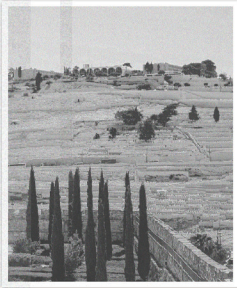
The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



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I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE discussion questions

Ice Breaker: Describe your favorite kind of bread in such a way that it makes everyone's mouth water!
Quote: "Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance, the only thing it cannot be is moderately important." - C.S. Lewis

1. Review 1 Peter 2:1-5. On a scale of 1-10, how relational, interactive, and meaningful do your times feel when you read the Bible and pray? What are some things you've tried in order to spice up your dry quiet times?

2. The miraculous manna (bread) that God provided the Israelites in Exodus was a 1,450 year preview of a much greater miracle of provision, when God sent his Messiah to earth. How are they similar, and how are they different?

3. Have you ever sought God more for the things you wanted him to give you, that seeking God for himself? How do you know when you've crossed the line? What are some modern-day implications of Jesus' rebuke in John 6:26-27?

4. Review Numbers 11:5-6 and 21:5. Have you ever grumbled at God for his provision? How can we avoid that temptation?

5. Is there anything that you've read about God in the Bible that bothers you, or that you have a hard time accepting? How should we as Christians deal with those difficulties?

6. In John 6, we built the case that "eating" means "believing." What strengthens your faith the most? Brainstorm a number of ways that we are to nourish and deepen our belief.

7. How does Jesus satisfy your spiritual hunger? How would you explain to someone how they can practically experience satisfying nourishment from him?

The Book of John

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things were made through him, yet the world did not know him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.⁷ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.⁸ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.⁹ He was in the world, and the world did not know him.¹⁰ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.¹¹ But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.¹² who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹³ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.¹⁴ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")¹⁵ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.¹⁶ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.¹⁷ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

