



Encounters with Jesus – Jesus is the Star Bake

Date: Sunday 6th February

Speaker: Aaron Smith (City Centre), Jeff Stamps (South Site)

Key Verses: John 6:25-69

Talk Summary:

Jesus says 'I AM the bread of life'. This has implications for each of us:

- 1) Our attitude towards Jesus: The people who were following Jesus were only interested in him because they thought he was going to feed them (see v1-15 – feeding of the 5,000) or that he was going to be the king who was going to overthrow the Roman rule and liberate Israel. Our attitude towards people matters – especially towards Jesus.
- 2) Our decision about who Jesus is: Our attitude matters because it effects the way we look at people. This was especially true for the people following Jesus whose attitude was one of 'what needs can Jesus provide for' rather than who he is. They had a decision to make about Jesus – was he really the bread of life? Was he really the one who had God's seal of approval? Was he really the one who could provide eternal life?
- 3) Our response to Jesus: Many of the people following Jesus couldn't handle or believe his teaching and so they walked away when things got difficult. During our lives we have a similar heart decision to make. When life doesn't go to our plan, when our views or the 'parameters' we put Jesus in are challenged, we need to remember that Jesus is the bread of life and in him there is life forever in eternity.

Worship

Worship is not just singing, it is thanking God for who he is and what he has done and is lived out through a life of trusting obedience. Discussing this together is an act of worship.

(Small group worship resources can be found at bvc.so/sgworship)

- What are you thankful for this week?
- Where has God been at work in your life?

- When have you taken risks in faith and obedience this week?

If you have a time of singing you can skip the above questions but please do ask this question each week:

- What has God been speaking to you about this week? (*Go around the group quickly don't spend a long time on it*)

Discussion Questions (choose some which are most relevant to your group)

- What is your attitude towards Jesus? How is that influenced?
- What is your decision about Jesus' claim of being the bread of life?
- What is your response when God's way clashes with our ideas, lifestyle or world view?

Witness - How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?

We want to be investing in authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet and inviting them to anything where they might meet other Christians and Jesus. Pick one of the below each week:

- How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?
- What church events coming up would your friends appreciate an invitation to?
 - Upcoming Events (go to bvc.so/whats-on for details)
 - Young Adults Night – 12th February
 - Your Kingdom Come Conference – 26th February