

## CONCLUSION

- The term *Christian* literally means “little \_\_\_\_\_.” We should behave in the world as He did. We are to love as He did, suffer as He did, serve as He did. As Christ imitated the Father, so we ought to imitate Christ.
- Jesus Christ is the Bread of life from heaven, the One in whom we are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Energized by His Spirit, we move forward for His kingdom, representing Christ the King, urging the hungry and needy to turn to Christ for salvation.



**UNIT 3:** Behold the Lamb!

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**LESSON 11:** “The Bread of Life” (John 6:25-58)

**NEXT WEEK:** “Atonement-Driven Life” (Hebrews 10:19-25)

## INTRODUCTION

- We need food to survive, but God also gave us taste buds. Food is not just fuel. It is also for our enjoyment and delight.
- The biblical writers often turned to the metaphor of food to explain and illustrate various \_\_\_\_\_ truths.
- “You need Jesus—not some creed, code, or cause. You don’t go beyond Jesus. You may go deeper into Jesus, but you’ll never go beyond Jesus. The table is set. Come and dine.” ~ Adrian Rogers (1931-2005)

### THE BREAD FROM HEAVEN GIVES

\_\_\_\_\_ TO THE WORLD (JOHN 6:25-34).

- John uses the Old Testament image of \_\_\_\_\_ to point to Jesus.
- After feeding thousands of people in the wilderness, Jesus urged the people to look for the Bread that comes from \_\_\_\_\_, not the bread of earth that spoils.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ was never meant to fully satisfy the people of God while they were in the wilderness because the wilderness was not their home.
- “Christ is our Bread; because Christ is Life, and bread is life.”  
~ Tertullian (circa 160-225)
- **Application:** Too often, you and I make the same mistake of looking to the appetizer for satisfaction instead of looking to God to sustain us forever. We look for satisfaction in God’s gifts and fail to see that His gifts point us to His promises. We must find satisfaction in Christ alone, not in the appetizers He gives us in this life.

**JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE  
FROM \_\_\_\_\_ (JOHN 6:35-51).**

- Jesus, the Bread of life, is \_\_\_\_\_. He promised that whoever comes to Him in faith will never be hungry again.
- Jesus is the true manna, the miracle provision of food from \_\_\_\_\_.
- “We are all when we pray God’s beggars...What does the beggar ask of thee? Bread. And what dost thou ask of God, but Christ, who saith, ‘I am the living Bread which came down from heaven?’”  
~ Augustine (354-430)

- **Application:** Even when the Israelites were given the provision of the manna in the wilderness, they grumbled and longed for the days when they ate pots full of meat, leeks, and garlic. They forgot those hearty meals came at the price of slavery. Our problem, like theirs, is that even when we have been delivered from the things that once ruled over us and enslaved us, we can still wish we were back in chains.

**ETERNAL LIFE IS FOUND ONLY IN THE  
\_\_\_\_\_ OF JESUS (JOHN 6:52-58).**

- Jesus used the stark images of His body and blood in order to get across our need for salvation in Him. Eating His body and drinking His blood is another way of saying we trust in His \_\_\_\_\_ and we receive His \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Bible promises us that if we have united ourselves with Christ in a death like His, most certainly we will be united with Him in a \_\_\_\_\_ like His.
- We live through faith in Jesus Christ, the One sent from the Father. Likewise, we \_\_\_\_\_ through faith in Jesus, the One sent to serve His people.
- “There is a hunger in the human heart that none but Christ can satisfy. There is a thirst that none but He can quench.” ~ John Stott (1921-2011)