

## Small Group Questions – The Bread of Life – July 14, 2019

1. Anticipating what Jesus says in John's gospel, Psalm 34:8 says 'Taste and see that the Lord is good. Happy are they who trust in him.'

What does it mean to find our satisfaction in Jesus? What stops us or hinders us from trusting Jesus? What helps us to learn how to put our confidence more deeply in Jesus?

2. The Galileans come to Jesus the day after he has fed them with a few loaves and fish. Rather than feeding them again he tells them that he is the bread of life. He is not denying their physical need but suggesting that all their needs find their focus and answer in him. Many of the people around Jesus couldn't understand or accept what he was saying. In vs 66 it says that many of his disciples stopped following him. Do you think they stopped following him because they found him confusing or because they found it difficult to accept what he was telling them? What do you find difficult in following Jesus?

3. In John 6:4 the narrator tells us that the feeding of the 5000 happened at the same time as the people were celebrating the Passover. That in turn sets the context for John 6:51 where Jesus says 'and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh'. Anticipating his own death Jesus is suggesting that he is giving his life for the life of the world. In what ways does Jesus' gift of his life begin to give life to the world? How does this impact our own lives? In what way does knowing Jesus begin to change the way we live in the world?