



Unit 25, Session 3

Jesus' Hard Teachings

John 6

Story Point: Many people misunderstood Jesus' teaching.

A crowd of people went looking for Jesus. They found Jesus on the other side of the Sea of Galilee. "Teacher, when did You get here?" they asked Jesus.

Jesus answered, "Why are you looking for Me? Did you want to find Me because I can do miracles, or were you looking for Me because I gave you food? If you're seeking food, remember that food on earth will perish. Search for food that gives eternal life. The Son of Man will give it to you."

The people asked, "What does God want us to do?" Jesus said, "Believe in the One whom He has sent." The people said, "Will You do another miracle?" Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. No one who comes to Me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in Me will ever be thirsty again."

The Jews began complaining. "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" they asked. Jesus said again,

"I am the bread of life. Unless you eat My flesh and drink My blood, you will not live forever."

When Jesus said this, many of His followers said, "This teaching is hard. Who can accept it?" Many of the people who had followed Jesus turned away from Him. Jesus asked His twelve disciples, "Do you want to go away too?"

Peter answered, "Lord, where would we go? We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God."

Christ Connection: Jesus wanted to do more than fill people's stomachs; He wanted to give them true life. Jesus' teachings were hard to understand. When Jesus talked about His flesh and blood, He was talking about His death and resurrection. When we trust in Jesus, He gives us the gift of eternal life.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Draw an emoji that best describes how you feel about each statement.
 - Food on earth will not last forever.
 - The Son of Man gives food that never goes bad.
 - Jesus came from heaven.
 - Jesus is the Holy One of God.
 - Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.”
 - God wants people to believe in the One whom He has sent.
 - Jesus said, “Unless you eat My flesh and drink My blood, you will not live forever.”
- What does this story teach us about God?
- What did Jesus say that caused people to turn away from Him?

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APPLY the Story

- How would you answer Jesus' question—you don't want to go away too, do you? Do any of Jesus' teachings confuse you?
- What did Jesus mean when He said people would eat His body and drink His blood?
- What kind of king did the people want Jesus to be? What kind of king is Jesus?

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APPLY the Story

- Find Colossians 1:13-14 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, asking Him to give you understanding of His Word.
Thank God for sending Jesus to show us what He is like.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 26:35 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 1:18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 10:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 14:27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 2:44 | <input type="checkbox"/> James 1:2-4 |