

## John 6: The Bread from Heaven

### Lesson Theme: Testing the Heart—Who is Really His?

#### 2 Timothy 2:19—

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: **“The Lord knows those who are His,”** and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

#### Hebrews 4:12—

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

#### Luke 12:49-51—

*“I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division.”*

1. **Chiastic Structure** beginning in John 5:41-47 ending in John 6:70-71  
- Foretelling of the Anti-Christ and Judas Iscariot

2. **Testing Philip and the Twelve**—John 6:6  
- **Jesus** → Twelve → People  
- Showing the future structure of the church  
- The foundation of the church is based only on Christ

#### 1 Corinthians 3:9-11—

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

3. **Why He Needed to Test the Multitudes**—John 6:14-15  
- They were looking for free provision without any cost

4. **Protection through Truth to His Own Disciples**—John 6:16-21

#### Mark 4:34—

But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

**5. Teaching the Multitudes—John 6:22-40**

- Promise of the rapture of the church to the last generation (John 6:39-40)

**Ephesians 1:13-14—**

*In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

**6. Testing the Multitudes—John 6:41-59**

- Proclaiming the New Covenant

**1 Corinthians 11:33-26—**

*For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*

**7. Who is Really His?—John 6:60-71**

- Only through the power of the Holy Spirit

**Romans 8:9—**

*But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*

- Foretelling of the division to separate those who are His from those who are not

**John 6:66—**

*From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.*

**John 6:67-69—**

*Then Jesus said to the twelve, "**Do you also want to go away?**"*

*But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

- But Jesus knew ultimately who was going to betray Him.

**Ephesians 1:3-4—**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,*