

The Feasts the Spoil

- What is something that stood out to you from Last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone answer: Share both the time in your life that you were the most physically hungry and also when you were the most physically full of food.
 - Compare and contrast the two experiences:
 - How did these times feel physically?
 - How did these times feel emotionally?
 - What are the good things about hunger? What are the good things about fullness?
 - What are the bad things about hunger? What are the bad things about fullness?
 - Matthew 5:6 says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." With consideration of the conversation we have been having, what does reading this verse make you think about spiritual hunger and fullness as it pertains to your faith?
- Read aloud John 6:1-15 and John 6:25-71
 - Throughout this discourse, there are four sentences that Jesus begins with, "Very truly I tell you..." Whenever Jesus says things like this it is understood as an emphasis. Find these four sentences and re-read them. If you could determine the theme of Jesus' teaching on just these four sentences, what would it be? God has given the world all it needs truly to sustain life, now and forever, the life and death of Jesus Christ.
 - What do you think was making it so difficult for the audience of Jesus' teaching to accept it?
- In his teaching, Pastor Jon taught us that gluttony is defined as "the excessive consumption of food, or any substance, in an attempt to satisfy a spiritual hunger."
 - What substance or experience, besides actual food, do people become gluttonous over?
 - Why do you think that Jesus calls these foods, substances, and experiences, "food that spoils"?
 - We began our discussion today by talking about spiritual hunger. In truth, pursuing the "food that spoils" to fill our spiritual hunger leaves us unfulfilled and wanting. Can you provide some examples from your life of how this has been true?
 - Jesus' answer to this in our passage is that He is the "bread of life". Pursue Him and your spiritual hunger will be satisfied. In your experience how has Jesus satisfied your spiritual hunger?