Sermon Title: Audience of One

Scripture: John 6:35, 53-60, 66-68

- ³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty
- ⁵³ Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.
- ⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"
- ⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.
- $^{\rm 67}$ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.
- ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Discussion Questions: Please Read John 6:25-68

- 1. Why are the crowds still searching for Jesus (see also John 6:1-14)? How does Jesus' response to them show the difference between his interests and theirs?
- 2. What claims does Jesus make in verses 35-40? What do these claims emphasize about his being the bread of life?
- 3. How do the crowds respond in verses 41-42? Why do they respond this way?
- 4. What is Jesus' main point in this passage?
- 5. What does this passage tell us about Jesus? About ourselves?