

John 6:51–69

- Perception may be reality...but the Truth will set you free!

- The people have had their bellies fed and now choke on the Bread of Life.
- Perception has a habit of being established without any permission!
 - There is any infinite number of options for how a story is told, and only one is actually the truth!
 - The foundation of perception is an assumption that reality is then built on.
 - We can't assume folks have their facts right when we encounter confusion.
- The truth is that we are all addicted to our own sins...
...and God calls us out of slavery by removing every other option!

- The Gospel of Jesus unsettles the status quo!

- After many of His disciples leave because of His words, Jesus asks the Twelve if they want to leave too.
- This self-selected culling was a willful rejection of God's gifts of spirit and life!
- Options give us an 'out'...when Jesus is clear that He is the only way 'in'.
 - The lie of having options is that we don't actually have any!
 - The Word of God shapes and norms every other aspect of our life!
 - Following Christ leaves us with no other option but to be fed up with just watching the world vainly run in pursuit of other options to save themselves!

- "Lord, to whom shall we go?"

- Joshua: "Choose this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" (Joshua 24:15)
- Content with a steady diet of God's Body and Blood, we are called to walk with broken folks and give away our hope!
 - Acts of Service: Two weeks ago our "Color Kingdom" VSB had the joy of speaking the hope of the Gospel into lives of over 40 children!
 - Intentional Discipleship: We have a few bible studies throughout the week and are planning to start 1-2 more this fall...how will you help? We are about to begin a new season of confirmation and jr. high discipleship...how can you be a mentor for our youth? Our senior high youth will be preparing to return to the National Youth Gathering with 30,000 other LCMS youth next summer...how can you help get them there?
 - Invitations to Worship: As we seek to grow our worship...how can you use your time and talents to serve? As we embrace our identity as an intergenerational church...how can you help welcome young families and children and/or seek out opportunities to learn from others with experience? As we strive to create space for folks to belong and learn how to believe...how can you be intentional in spending time with folks?
- "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68-69)

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