

SMALL GROUPS STUDY GUIDE
The Holy Gospel According to Saint John
Lesson #6

- 1) Have someone read Chapter Six and then take time to discuss it.
- 2) Jesus is the bread of Life, 6:1 - 6:71.
- 3) In verse 6:1 Jesus goes from Jerusalem to the Sea of Galilee. Note He is on the south-western side. How do we know this? (see verses 17 and 23 for clues) Compare on a map the size of the Sea of Galilee with Mille Lacs Lake.
- 4) In 6:5, Jesus questions Philip about how to feed the crowd. Philip says 200 days wages would not cover the cost of the food.
- 5) Loaves and fish are presented. With these Jesus feeds 5000 men as well as the women and children (who were not numbered)
- 6) In what other gospels does this miracle appear?
- 7) Jesus walks on water. This miracle also appears in Saint Matthew's gospel (See Mt 14). Compare the two accounts for similarities and differences.
- 8) Jesus promises to give food for eternal life (vs 27).
- 9) How many times does Jesus say to the people they must believe to receive this food? Keep a count as you read on.
- 10) Notice the reference to manna which was a type of the Eucharist. It fed the Israelites but still left them hungry. The promised bread will fill them.
- 11) Did the Jews understand Jesus literally or symbolically when He said He was the bread of life? What do you think?
- 12) In 6:51 Jesus says the bread He will give is His flesh. How did the Jews react? Notice that Jesus goes further and says "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you will not have life." Literal or symbolic?
- 13) Who no longer walked with Jesus (vs 6:60-66). Why?
- 14) Did all of the twelve believe?