



The Perseverance of Jesus

John 6:24:-40

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Observation #4: John 6:37 contains an ironclad certainty, an open invitation, and a _____.

- An ironclad certainty . . .
- An open invitation . . .
- A glorious promise . . .

NEXT STEPS to help us process and apply God's Word

1. Which of these 3 statements most accurately reflect your relationship with Jesus right now? Is there an action you need to take to change that?
 - *Jesus is MY bread of life and I'm "coming to Him" consistently like He is.*
 - *I see and seek Jesus like a vending machine to meet my physical and material needs.*
 - *I'm pretty disconnected and far away from Jesus and I'm not coming to Him at all.*
2. "Whoever comes to me I will never cast out." Write a paragraph this week contemplating Jesus' statement and what it means to you.

NEXT WEEK: *The Emotions of Jesus | Hosea 11*

We continue our study of The Heart of Jesus today with a look at how Jesus is persevering in His love and care toward those who come to Him. Today we're going to start wide with some general observations in John 6 and then narrow toward one verse, John 6:37.

Observation #1: "I am the bread of life" is the first of _____ I AM statements across the book of John.

"I AM" statements are thought-provoking metaphors Jesus uses to:

- _____ who He is
- Help us understand how to _____ to Him
- Offer Himself to us and _____ us to Him

Observation #2: It is possible to _____ Jesus, but in the wrong way and for the wrong reasons.

- Jesus is not a _____, but so much more!
- _____ = _____ = _____

Observation #3: John 6:37 is spoken by Jesus in response to the fact that many are not _____ in Him.



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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

Our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

We're about at the mid point of the summer. Describe the season and how it's impacting you.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 6:24-40 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text/message this week? What was new, fresh, or challenging?
2. Without looking at your outline, explain what these seven I AM statements are all about? What is Jesus trying to do in using these metaphors or word pictures?

3. What were the crowds seeking Jesus for in John 6? Do you ever see and seek Jesus as a vending machine? When you do, what do you want from Jesus?

4. We sometimes talk about "the perseverance of the saints." What does that mean? Why was this message titled "The Perseverance of Jesus" and how did John 6:37 give rise to this title?

5. When was a time in your life when you questioned your salvation or God's love? Are those times frequent in your life? Does John 6:37 help you or assure you?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Using the text of John 6, come to Jesus as your "bread of life" together.
- Without seeing Jesus as a vending machine, share and pray for one another's needs.