

## Gospel of John 6:27 – 42

New American Standard Version

1 “Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food  
 2 which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give  
 3 to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.”  
 4 Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we  
 5 may work the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to  
 6 them, “This is the work of God that you believe in Him  
 7 whom He has sent.” So they said to Him, “What then do You  
 8 do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What  
 9 work do You perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the  
 10 wilderness; as it is written, ‘HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF  
 11 HEAVEN TO EAT.’” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I  
 12 say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of  
 13 heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out  
 14 of heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down  
 15 out of heaven, and gives life to the world.” Then they said to  
 16 Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.” Jesus said to them, “I  
 17 am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger,  
 18 and he who believes in Me will never thirst. But I said to you  
 19 that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. All that the  
 20 Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to  
 21 Me I will certainly not cast out. For I have come down from  
 22 heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent  
 23 Me. This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He  
 24 has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.  
 25 For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds  
 26 the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I  
 27 Myself will raise him up on the last day.” Therefore the Jews  
 28 were grumbling about Him, because He said, “I am the bread  
 29 that came down out of heaven.” They were saying, “Is not  
 30 this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we  
 31 know? How does He now say, ‘I have come down out of  
 32 heaven’?”

### Observation:

Look for the “back and forth” between the people and Jesus.

Underline what the people said.

How did Jesus answer? Circle one or two key words in His responses each time He answered.

How did the people respond to the answers that Jesus gave them?

Draw lines to connect the key words or phrases in the flow of the conversation.

### Interpretation:

How well are the two sides communicating? What things did the Jews say that Jesus did not respond to? Why not?

What did Jesus say that the Jews did not respond to? Why not?

### Application:

What problems in communication did the people have in listening to Jesus? Is there anything similar in your life? How does that affect your communication with the Lord? With other people?

Questions for further thinking:

- *The context has been about “the crowds” (cf. John 6:1, 5, 22, 24) but line 27 (v. 41) refers to “the Jews.” Are these the same group? A completely separate group? A part of the larger group? Would that distinction make a difference in the understanding of the passage? How (if at all) might this relate to earlier references to “the Jews” in John’s Gospel (e.g. 5:16-18; 6:4)?*