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Gospel of John 6:37 – 60

New American Standard Version

1 “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who
2 comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. For I have come down
3 from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent
4 Me. This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has
5 given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. For this is
6 the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and
7 believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him
8 up on the last day.” Therefore the Jews were grumbling about
9 Him, because He said, “I am the bread that came down out of
10 heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph,
11 whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, ‘I have
12 come down out of heaven’?” Jesus answered and said to them,
13 “Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to Me
14 unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up
15 on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘AND THEY SHALL
16 ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.’ Everyone who has heard and learned
17 from the Father, comes to Me. Not that anyone has seen the
18 Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.
19 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. I am the
20 bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and
21 they died. This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so
22 that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came
23 down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live
24 forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the
25 world is My flesh.” Then the Jews *began* to argue with one
26 another, saying, “How can this man give us *His* flesh to eat?” So
27 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the
28 flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in
29 yourselves. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal
30 life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true
31 food, and My blood is true drink. He who eats My flesh and drinks
32 My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent
33 Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also
34 will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down out of
35 heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will
36 live forever.” These things He said in the synagogue as He taught
37 in Capernaum. Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard
38 *this* said, “This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?”

Use the suggestions on the back page as a starting point for your own Observation, Interpretation, and Application.

- *What facts do you observe about the passage (repetition, comparisons, contrasts, cause and effect, unusual words, etc.)?*
- *What questions come to mind about the facts of the passage that would help you interpret the writer’s meaning?*
- *How does the writer’s meaning relate to your life? What specific application might the Holy Spirit want to show you?*

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation (What does it say?)

- Who are the people involved?
- What is the action taking place?
- What type of literature is the passage (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are there any unusual words used?
- Is there any symbolic or figurative language used?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Is there any repetition of words or ideas?
- Are there comparisons or contrasts?
- Are there indications of cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Does the passage contain any explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer’s thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?)

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?