

**I Am**

**April 7, 2024**

John 6:22-59



*On Sunday we continued our new series, I Am looking at the seven “I am” statements of Jesus in the gospel of John. Dr. Gary Burge focused on Jesus’ proclamation, “I am the bread of life”. This statement from Jesus draws parallels to the Old Testament story of the Israelites’ exodus and invites anyone who hears it to go beyond seeking material or political gains and instead receive Jesus as the true source of eternal life and fulfillment.*

## **Getting Started**

Dr. Burge began Sunday’s message with a knock-knock joke. Go around and share your best knock-knock joke.

## **Read**

John 6:22-59

## **Digging Deeper**

- From the text above, the crowd is searching for physical food and fulfillment. Can you relate to this? What are some physical things that you find yourself prioritizing over seeking the spiritual nourishment that Jesus provides?
- What barriers do you think exist today that make it difficult for people to fully accept Jesus as the bread of life? Are there any ways that you might be able to help others overcome these barriers?
- Dr. Burge emphasized that believing in Jesus as the bread of life means recognizing our true salvation and fulfillment come from a relationship with Jesus rather than from (1) acquiring things or (2) depending on worldly powers. Which of these two things do you find yourself finding salvation and fulfillment in? How can you strengthen your belief in Jesus as the bread of life?
- Have you experienced Jesus as the “bread of life” in the past? Maybe currently? If so, how? Share with the group.



**THE LOCAL CHURCH**