

HOPE DEALERS

OUR HOPE IS IN THE BREAD OF LIFE

May 8, 2016

1. Open in prayer by reading the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13.

- When we pray, "Our Father in heaven," according to Romans 8:31-39, how do we know we can hope and trust in God?

2. In this sermon, Pastor Derwin taught on "Give us this day our daily bread."

a. Bread was an essential food in the 1st Century Jewish world. Jesus is saying that He is not only essential to life; He IS life (read John 1:4).

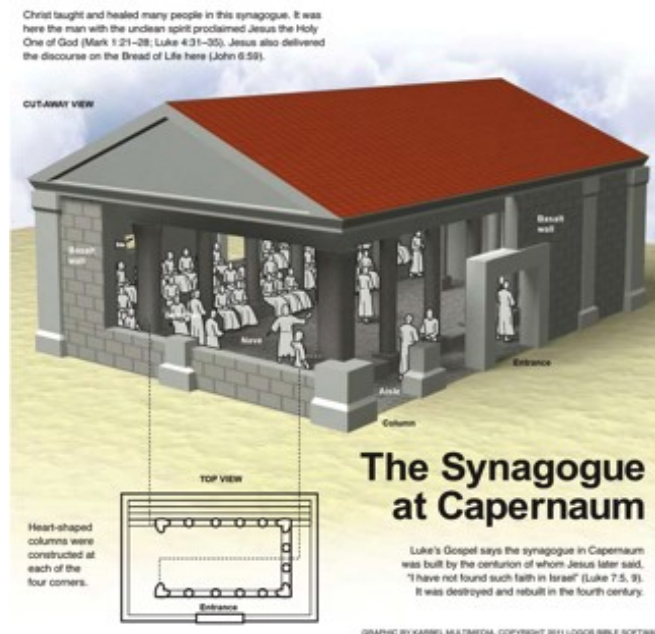
b. Read John 6:35-52 and discuss how Jesus is the Bread of Life.

3. THE CONTEXT: The greatest event in Israel's history was the Exodus. God defeated Pharaoh and the Jewish people were freed from slavery. Israel and the world are now enslaved to a greater Pharaoh called sin and death.

a. When Jesus says, "I Am the bread of life," He is using the "I Am" which is the sacred name of Israel's God, the one true God, Yahweh/Jehovah.

b. Jesus is "I Am," the Greater Moses who is now leading the world out of slavery to sin and death. He is saying, I am the very bread that fell from heaven!

c. Just as the children of Israel grumbled against Moses, they are grumbling against Jesus.



But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me. Exodus 17:3, ESV

4. Pastor Derwin asked, "Will you let Jesus be your life?" Read John 6:35. What does this mean?

5. Pastor Derwin asked, "Will you let Jesus meet all your NEEDS: physically, financially, and relationally?" Discuss how this part of the sermon impacted you.