



WEEK ONE

## Jesus + Nothing = Everything

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This three-part series will assist us in sharpening our skills as God's hosts and hostesses for the people in our community. We will creatively use a dinner

table to help us understand how we can effectively invite friends, neighbors, and family to the best, most fulfilling meal they will ever taste...Jesus Himself!

### MESSAGE NOTES

John 6:35

### PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

**1. What was the best meal you've had within the last year and where did you have it?** What made it so wonderful?

**2. Take a look at the key passage from this week's message, John 6:35.** What does the phrase "bread of life" mean to you personally?

Pastor Harry said those who've not yet realized that Jesus is everything they will ever need or want are finding temporary satisfaction with "junk food." What did he mean by this? What is "spiritual junk food?"

Why is junk food called that?

**3. What did Jesus say to His disciples just a few verses earlier in John 6:27?** Why did He say this? (Look back to John 6:5-12).

What does John 6:27 mean for us living in the twenty-first century?

**4. Now take a look at Psalm 34:8.** The Hebrew word for "taste" also means "to perceive by experience." The psalmist is calling on his readers to "experience" God. What does an experience usually entail?

What is the psalmist saying will happen when someone experiences God?

5. One blogger wrote: "As humans, it's just not enough to watch food - we want to taste it too! Which raises the important question - As a Christian am I content to simply watch God or do I have an overbearing desire to taste Him?" How would you answer this question?

6. Do people taste (experience) God when they are around you?

Do you know people who, when you are around them, cause you to taste and see that God is good? What is different about how they live?

7. Why do you think Jesus chose to have us remember Him through a meal?

8. Pastor Harry said we often add something to Jesus in our equation to attaining ultimate satisfaction in life. What was — or still is — the thing you found (or find) yourself wanting in addition to having Christ as Savior?

How did you come to removing it from that place of prominence in your life, or what do you think you need to do differently now so that you can say with all honesty, "Jesus plus nothing equals everything?"

**Personal Meditation:** This week consider that after an amazing experience we usually cannot wait to share about it with someone. When we have an incredible meal at a top-notch restaurant we tell others about it, we Facebook it and Instagram it because we want everyone we know to experience what we experienced. Pray for an opportunity this week to share — with this same exuberance — what Christ has done for you as your Bread of Life.

**Memorize Psalm 34:8** — "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him."