



ELDERS DISCIPLESHIP NOTES VISION

Elders Discipleship Group 4

Purpose of the Elders Discipleship Group: To Train and Equip Discipleship Group leaders to lead more effectively.

Key Theme: Vision

Key Truth: Work for food which endures to eternal life.

Read: Last week we looked at being raised up and seated with Him in the heavenly places in Christ. Now that we have our new position in Christ, we are to receive the food source that is contained in this realm for us. Let's start by looking at our NEW food source that we are to partake of and live from and how we access this eternal food source.

John 6:27 *Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God has set His seal.*

The challenge for us all as His followers is to be working for the food which endures to eternal life, rather than for food which perishes and is temporary. The context for this kingdom truth is the feeding of the 5000. I wonder if the miracle is all we see here and give our attention to and then move on?

As awesome as this miracle is, there is something far greater and more profound that Jesus is speaking of here, and desiring us all to receive and come into. He is once again speaking of something that is hidden in the eternal realm, which we require vision to see. He is using the feeding of the 5000 in the natural to draw people into the spiritual domain, called the kingdom of God.

Food, water, clothing and shelter, are the basic commodities of life, that every human being needs to live and keep this physical life alive and thriving, and yet we see Jesus saying we are not to work for this natural food, but be working for another food source. We are to be found working, but what are we to be working for. Keeping our physical man alive or developing our spiritual man.

Matthew 6:25 is a very similar passage, where Jesus is teaching His disciples not to worry about their lives, as to what to eat, drink, what they will wear etc. He then speaks of the birds of the air and the flowers of the field and how they are provided for, and that we are to be seekers FIRST of His kingdom and righteousness.

In both John 6 and Matthew 6 Jesus is addressing the food source, the life source we are to be living our lives from.

Questions:

1. How would you describe what this eternal food source is?
2. How does it differ from the temporal food source?
3. Where do we access this eternal food source?
4. What does eating this eternal food source enable and empower in our lives?