"I Am the Bread of Life"

Intro: It is simply astounding how the good Lord uses the most common earthy things of life, things every man, woman and child can identify with, to illustrate the most profound heavenly ____________. It is by the loving-kindness of God that in our text this Lord's Day, identifies Himself as the Bread of ____________.

A. As we read of the people of our text who had no spiritual appetite for the heavenly truth of Jesus and thus, were only concerned with having their physical hunger satisfied, let us prayerfully ____________ our ____________ while asking the Lord our God to grant us a spiritual appetite for heavenly truth. If we are not reverent toward the things of God, we will be just like those in this text, to whom the Lord ministered such wonderfully high and holy truths, but who missed the truth altogether desiring only to make Jesus their earthly king that He might serve their earthly purpose, rather than ____________ Him for who He is: _______ ________ of God, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

I. Jesus told the people that God desired that they ____________ in Him, that the Father sent ____________.

A. In a display of unbelief (showing that they did not believe as God requires) the people challenged Jesus saying that ______ ______ _______ work a miraculous sign that they could see that then _______ _______ believe Him.

1. They wanted Him to ______ them - ________! A day earlier when He fed the five thousand they recognized Him to be the Prophet and intended to take Him by force to make Him their earthly king. The very next day they that if He wanted them to believe in Him, that He would need to work another ________ whereby He would feed them again!

2. Further then, the loaves and fish that Jesus prayed over and multiplied were from earth, but Moses fed the people manna from heaven. Therefore, in their ________ selfish ________, it was not enough for them to believe Jesus having partaken of the miracle the day before, but now on the day after the Lord fed the five thousand from one boy's sack lunch, such was insufficient proof for them. So, ________ ________ that if they were to believe what Jesus said that it would be necessary for Him to feed them manna from heaven.

II. The Lord began to correct them saying, "... it is ____________ who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is ___ _________ ..."

A. In merciful ________ Jesus began to show the people their spiritual blindness; to ________ them that they were spiritually _______ as they didn’t understand basic and evident truths of Scripture.

B. While they had an earthly physical "food which perishes" on their mind, Jesus began to speak to them about ________ spiritual "__________ which endures to eternal life."

C. Jesus told them that the Heavenly Father was them Bread from Heaven!
D. In contrast to the manna that fell from heaven during Moses’ day, which temporarily sustained physical life, “the __________”, the true bread, the greater spiritual bread which the manna foreshadowed, which God was presently supplying “is that which comes down out of heaven, and __________” spiritual “________” everlasting.

E. The spiritual bread of God grants eternal spiritual _______ the _________!

III. The people responded _______________ Jesus to give them the ______________ of God.

A. Sadly, their _______________ “Lord, evermore give us this bread” is a show of respect, but only that they might receive food for their body, and not for their soul. Though their request sounds sincere, their thoughts were still _______________.

B. _______________ told them in no uncertain terms that He had been talking about Himself, that He is the Bread of Life whom the Father has sent, that He is the true bread the Father gives out of heaven, and He is the bread of God which comes down from heaven and __________ to the world!

1. Jesus invited the people to __________ to Him ______ believing promising that all who did would be spiritually satisfied.

2. Then Jesus confronted their persistent __________, for they had and yet, did not believe.

   a. In so many words they said, “Show us another more convincing sign, then we will believe.” And Jesus answered, “You are mistaken for you have seen Me and My signs and still you do not believe. __________ another sign will _______ bring you to _________! You do not understand how one comes to believe.”

IV. The Lord Jesus spoke to them about the sovereignty of God in salvation, of the Sovereign __________ of God in the granting of faith! He pronounced, “All that the __________ Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.”

   A. This is an exhortation to __________ one’s sin and ______ upon the name of the God who saves! This is a call to quit depending upon one’s own fallen reason, and to _______ in _______ alone.

Conclusion: Salvation is not a matter of the human will, but it is a matter of being born of God! Dear friends, insufficient evidence is not the cause of your failure to believe, but you fail to believe because you refuse to __________ the ______ who saves! Quit demanding more evidence for the clear and undeniable proof of God is all around you. If you do not believe Jesus, it is not for a lack of evidence, but it is because you are dead in your trespasses and sin. If you would be saved, _______ out ______ ________ for mercy, asking Him to give you a spiritual appetite for heavenly truth.

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.” ________________, and ____ ____________!