



STM Bible Study

The Bread of Life Discourse, John 6:22-59

How to Study the Bible

- Always start and end with Prayer
- Reading the passage several time. Highlighting and taking notes on the 2nd and 3rd reading.
 - Have an idea what came just before and after the verses you are studying.
- Read the passage in other translations. Reading the passage in more than one translation can improve understanding of the passage.
- Identifying the people in the passage. Making a note of the people involved, their roles, and the groups, and their roles in events.
- Identify important cross-references. Examine relationships between the passage and other passages in the Bible.
- Summarizing the passage. Writing a brief summary of the passage and what you've learned about it will fortify one's understanding of the passage and help you remember the main points from your study.
- Review commentary discussions. Reviewing Bible commentaries to see how others have interpreted the passage.

Read the Verses

- Lets read verses John 6:22-59 straight through
 - <http://usccb.org/bible/john/6> (the *New American Bible, revised edition* translation, NABRE)
- Read the passage in other translations. Reading the passage in more than one translation can improve understanding of the passage.
- Start with NABRE & add parallel
 - <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+6&version=NABRE;NIV>

Identify People

- Identifying the people in the passage. Making a note of the people involved, their roles, and the groups, and their roles in events.
 - Review the passages and make a list.
- What is the background of these people and the groups?
- Bible dictionaries and other reference sources might be helpful.
- Who are their relatives?
- What are their social roles and other important information?

Cross References and Notes

- Identify important cross-references and Notes
- Using a online Bible may make it easy to review the cross references and notes
 - Review <http://usccb.org/bible/john/6>
- Other translations may have different cross references and notes

Summarizing the Passage

- Writing a brief summary of the passage and what you've learned about it.
- Doing this may help fortify your understanding of the passage and help you remember the main points from your study.

Review Bible Commentaries

- Reviewing Bible commentaries to see how others have interpreted the passage.
- To review commentaries will require obtaining a copy from the parish or a library.
 - The Maly Library at Mount St. Mary's Seminary is available to everyone
- Study software, i.e. Verbum, typically have several commentaries available.