

SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"Laboring for Food that Endures to Everlasting Life"

John 6:22-29 (Romans 4:1-18)

Introduction

- Does this passage teach us that we can get to heaven on the merits of works, or our labor?"

Laboring for food that endures to everlasting life – two sections (vs. 22-29)

1. The people labored to find Jesus (vs. 22-27)
 - Where is Jesus? – The people are perplexed (vs. 22-23)
 - The people rowed to Capernaum to find Jesus; laboring diligently seeking Him (vs. 24, 59)
 - Sincere and earnest in their search – What motivated them?
 - Jesus exposes their motivation in their search for Him (vs. 25-27)
 - Being confused, the people asked Jesus; "Rabbi, when camest thou hither?" (v. 25)
 - Not answering their question; Jesus, rather, exposes their true motivation (vs. 26-27)
 - Looking for a free handout (v. 26)
 - Not for who He was and is (v. 27)
 - Not for the food that gives everlasting life
 - Not a labor of faith (Romans 4:1-5; 2:28-29; John 3:3, 5)
2. Jesus explains what the people (and us) are to labor for (vs. 28-29)
 - The people ask, what are "works of God" (v. 28; Romans 3:20) – did the impossible
 - Jesus tells them that the "works of God" are to believe on Him (v. 29)

Conclusion and Application

- In what way are you laboring? – are you merely laboring for the conveniences of this life – or, that which endures to everlasting life?
- Labor by faith for the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, with a humble and thankful heart (Psalm 51:17; Micah 6:7-8)