

October 16 Answers

- 1) The crowds asked Jesus, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus **exposed** their true motive. They were seeking him, not because they saw the sign of the loaves and believed, but because they had been **filled** and wanted more **bread**. Jesus challenged them to work “for the food that endures to eternal **life**.” This teaches us that our **motive** in seeking Jesus is important. We must come in **faith** and **repentance**, not in greed and self-centeredness. The crowds then tried to bait Jesus into performing another miracle: “Then what **sign** do you do, that we may see and believe you? Our fathers ate the **manna** in the wilderness” (hint, hint)! Jesus answered by telling them that he was the “true **bread** from heaven.” In reply they said, “Sir, give us this bread always!” Jesus then told them how they could have this bread. First, they must be **drawn** by the Father, for “no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.” Second, they must respond in **faith** to the Father’s call. Third, they must **obey** the will of the Father. God’s grace is offered to **everyone**, for God is drawing the entire world to Himself through **Christ** (1 Tim 2:4; Tit 2:11). Those who believe in Jesus and have a **present, living** faith are held in God’s mighty hand, and “no one is able to snatch them out” (John 10:29).