September 1, 2024 <u>"The Mystery of His Presence!"</u> (John 6:35-58)

In these times of world hunger, we ought to be careful when ______ about our daily ______.

The bread Jesus offers is predictable and _____, and it is ______ for even the most demanding soul!

Their question raises additional _____, some of us have asked at times.

Questions have been ______ in theological circles for many years, and they are still being asked by ______ Christians today.

When we ask these kinds of questions, the truth is that we are probably probing into questions about real _____!

Does God really _____ our lives in _____ ways, or have we just been _____ to say that?

Have we not just _____ claimed that he is _____ in the midst of important circumstances?

The people in our story didn't want to _____ the flesh of God...they didn't want an operative God that _____, that _____ in their lives!

If God were close enough to be consumed, then he would be close enough to ______ their thinking, mold their _____, and guide their words and _____!

That would be "_____" and they didn't seem ready for that!

The bottom-line question that presses us forward is this: Do I want Jesus Christ in my life as a _____ reality? (over)

Or do I prefer to merely ______ religion, and at that, practice it at a _____?

I'm afraid that most of the time we not only _____ our religion at a distance, but that we _____ it that way!

We don't necessarily stay away from _____, but we just don't make it a !

Who is willing to step up and to "_____" of the Word?

Who will allow it to ______ within us so that we ______ and mature and ______ as the daring people of God?

We are clever at keeping Christ his proper distance, so that he never really ______ us!

The call of the Gospel is that we ourselves become the ______ and nourishing ______ of Christ!

We modern-day disciples can ______ the mystery! We can bring the divine ______ and feeding to those who are hungry around us!

The merciful Savior now shares his powerful ______ with all of us in this meal!

Let's allow Christ to fully and completely overtake our thoughts and words and actions, to carry his presence into our world!

Will you, too?