

Life Group Homework

JOHN 6:60-71 – NOT EVERYONE WALKS AWAY

Getting Started:

1. Should one of the goals of a church be to maintain a certain number of regular attenders?

2. Is there ever a time when a church should take action even if it means the number of attendees might drop?

Digging In:

1. Why did Jesus give such a difficult lesson if He knew it would result in many people turning away and no longer coming to hear Him teach?

2. Why didn't Jesus seek to keep more followers around? Wouldn't it have been better to continue exposing them to good teaching; instead of causing them to leave?

3. What does Jesus mean when He says in *verse 63*, “*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail.*”? How does this relate to the statement in *verse 65* that no one can come to Jesus unless the Father grants it?

4. How is *verse 63* a comfort to those who stay faithful and continue to follow Christ?

5. Why did Jesus emphasize that He knows who doesn't believe, that He has chosen the twelve, and that He is already aware that a traitor is in their midst?

6. Is there value in trying to keep the “defectors” around for as long as possible?

7. How are the words of Christ “*spirit and life*” and why does Jesus describe them as “*words of eternal life*”?

8. Look closely at *verse 68 and 69*. What kept the twelve disciples from “defecting” to the world?

Living It Out:

1. How might the reality that God has drawn us to Him and granted us the ability to believe, result in great joy and peace? (see *John 1:12, Romans 11:29, Ephesians 1:13-14, and Philippians 1:6*)

2. How are the words of Christ a genuine source of life for our lives? Do our actions show that we see His words as life, regardless of how hard they are to understand?