INTRODUCTION

This weekend we finish the epic “Bread of Life” episode that began with Jesus’ miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fish. In this final segment, we are given a stark look at true discipleship. That is, while some follow Jesus for personal benefit, and others believe in what they want Him to be, true discipleship is more than that. The true Christ-follower is someone who has savingly trusted in Jesus and sworn allegiance to Him as God the Son incarnate, the Holy One of God.

The Story …

Offense and Response: vs. 61,62

Reminder and Desertion: vs. 63-66

Question, Confession, Explanation: vs. 67-69

The Significance …

The tragedy of selfish faith

The triumph of saving faith

So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God.” John 6:67-69
WEEKLY QUESTIONS

MONDAY  |  JOHN 6:60-62

Look back to the passage we covered last week, what was Jesus’ warning and teaching to the crowd? As a result, what was the response of many disciples to Jesus’ teaching? What might be some reasons they refused to accept Jesus’ teaching? Why do you think some of Jesus’ disciples found His teaching “hard”? What was “hard” about His teaching? How is their response similar to people’s responses today? What was Jesus’ response to their unbelief?

TUESDAY  |  JOHN 6:63-66

What does Jesus mean when He says, “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all”? In context of this whole chapter, why is Jesus’ response in verse 63 so important? What was Jesus’ understanding of why people didn’t believe in Him? What do we learn about Jesus’ trust in the sovereignty of the Father in this passage? How does this passage help shape our perspective when people reject us for sharing the Gospel?

WEDNESDAY  |  JOHN 6:67-69

Knowing that Jesus is fully human and fully divine, how do you think His humanity is highlighted when He turns to the twelve and asks them His question? What encouragement do you think He found in Peter’s answer? Do you hold that same confidence that Peter had? How does Peter’s answer highlight the reality that committing to Jesus is not a one-time commitment, but rather a lifelong one?

THURSDAY  |  JOHN 6:70-71

How did Jesus demonstrate His divinity in this passage? How do these verses impact the way we think about Peter’s declaration? In what way do they highlight the fact that just because someone is around the “words of life” doesn’t mean they have saving faith? What is the lesson in there for us? In the light of this whole passage, with what attitude should we follow Jesus?

FRIDAY  |  PRAY

Reflect on some of the questions from this week. Ask the Lord to help you grow in any areas where you may struggle. Pray for a heart that looks only to Jesus for hope, help, and substance. Pray for someone who has rejected the words of life. Ask the Lord to soften their heart. Thank Jesus for demonstrating what it looks like to trust fully in the sovereignty of God. Ask the Lord to help you live the same way.

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