

Life Group Discussion Guide

The Gospel of John

June 14

LEADER NOTES

At the close of the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John, there is a breaking point between Jesus and His disciples. His teaching had gone from confusing to offensive, leading many to walk away. Through this interaction, we see that following Jesus will lead to tense situations and difficult conversations.

In your group, it is likely there are multiple perspectives and opinions concerning the tense state of our community and nation. I encourage you to take the time to fully listen to one another, rather than trying to get through this entire guide. Make space for prayer and empathy. Ensure healthy and safe discussion by keeping your focus on stories and perspectives.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT

John 6:60-71 (NLT)

Many of his disciples said, "This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?"

⁶¹ *Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, "Does this offend you?"* ⁶² *Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again?* ⁶³ *The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.* ⁶⁴ *But some of you do not believe me." (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn't believe, and he knew who would betray him.)* ⁶⁵ *Then he said, "That is why I said that people can't come to me unless the Father gives them to me."*

⁶⁶ *At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him.* ⁶⁷ *Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?"*

⁶⁸ *Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life.* ⁶⁹ *We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God"*

⁷⁰ *Then Jesus said, "I chose the twelve of you, but one is a devil." ⁷¹ He was speaking of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, one of the Twelve, who would later betray him.*

LOOK UP

What about Jesus' message in this week's text was too much for His disciples, causing many to walk away?

LOOK AROUND

How do you usually respond to tension in conversation?

Why do you think it is easy to think in extremes?

LOOK AHEAD

What do you think it looks like to have difficult conversations in a healthy way?

Who are you listening to right now that has a different perspective than you?

PRAYER