



YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE

John 6:60-71

DISCUSSION 1

The grumbling disciples

1. Why were some of the disciples having trouble with Jesus's statements (Consider John 6:37, 39, 44; 10:25-27)?
2. How does Jesus clarify his statement, "*My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink*" by saying, "*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life*"?
3. Why do you think many disciples still left him?
4. Consider Jesus's statement in verse 65. What does this tell us about the sinfulness of man and the nature of salvation?

DISCUSSION 2

Spirit & life

1. What does it mean that Jesus's words are spirit and life?
2. Think of a time when you were very discouraged. What caused that discouragement?
3. What's an effective way to battle discouragement or depression if, according to this passage, the flesh is no help at all?

DISCUSSION 3

Peter's three astounding statements

1. In response to Jesus's question, "*Do you want to go away as well?*" Peter's response is, "*To whom shall we go?*" Considering there were many teachers in the day, why do you think Peter said that? Why is it important to have this same mindset?
2. The second time around, Peter answers the question with, "*You have the words of eternal life* (See John 6:68)." What is Peter proclaiming?
3. Peter's third statement is, "*We have believed and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.*" Read Isaiah 41:14; 43:3, 15; 47:4; 48:17; 54:5; Luke 4:34; Acts 2:27; and 13:35. In light of these passages, what is Peter saying that shows he has true faith?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to be sinful? How did we become sinful?
2. How are we saved?
3. When things are sad or hard in life, where can we find encouragement and true life?
4. Who will never leave us or forsake us?

APPLICATION

- Pray for "disciples" you know who have left Jesus. Is God calling you to reach out to any of them or see how they're doing? If so, take the first step and see how God leads you next.
- If you have been battling discouragement, find some Scripture that encourages you. Write down five key Scriptures that will help you when you're discouraged. Read them regularly to remind yourself of God's truth.