

## **“Do I Really Have to Believe THAT?” (John 6:60-71)**

Let’s be honest, some things in the Bible can be hard to hear ... both in trying to understand and accept them. Jesus’ words are no exception. When hearing such teachings, which response will we choose today?

» Some will choose to \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 60-66).

» Some will choose to \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 67-69).

» Some will choose to be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 70-71).

“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.’”  
John 6:67-68

## **Going Deeper with God**

1. What are some of the “hard sayings” of Jesus people in our culture or the church seem to be struggling most with today (v. 60)? How about other “hard” teachings in the Bible as well?
2. How about you personally ... have you had any teachings of the Bible/ Jesus that have been hard for you to believe? Explain.
3. Have you, or someone you’ve known, ever walked away from following Jesus because of the struggle to believe these “hard things”? Why did you feel that walking away the best option?
4. What was the “hard saying” the crowds were struggling with in vv. 60-66?  
See the previous passage (vv. 53-58) for insight into this question. What did Jesus really mean when He uttered these words?
5. What response did Jesus give to their taking of offense at His “hard saying” (vv. 61-65)? What did He seem to mean in this response?
6. How can a person be a “disciple” of Christ (v. 60) yet still walk away from Him (v. 66)? That doesn’t make any sense ... does it?
7. What response does Peter give when Jesus asks the Twelve if they want to also walk away from being His disciples (vv. 68-69)?
8. Why do you think the Twelve chose to keep following Jesus while the other “disciples” chose to walk away? Are there any applications we can take from their example for our lives today?
9. Have you ever known someone like Judas Iscariot (vv. 70-71), who appeared to be a true follower of Christ, yet was later revealed to be false? How is a “double agent” different from a “prodigal”?
10. What insights do Matthew 7:15-20 and I John 2:18-19 give concerning the subject of “double agents” living among the people of God?

***How have you been responding to the “hard teachings” of the Bible?***