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## ***The Difficulty of Belief***

**John 6:60-65**

### **I. Hard to Believe (v. 60)**

- A. They were more interested in the \_\_\_\_\_ than in the spiritual (Jn. 6:14-15, 26, 30-31)
- B. They would not \_\_\_\_\_ Moses for Jesus (Jn. 6:32, 58)
- C. They were \_\_\_\_\_ to relinquish their own control (Jn. 6:41-46)
- D. They could not \_\_\_\_\_ the extended metaphor of the 'bread' (Jn. 6:53-56)

### **II. Taking an Offense (vv. 61-62)**

- A. Not all disciples are \_\_\_\_\_ disciples (Jn. 2:23-25; Matt. 7:21)
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ against Jesus is a bad thing (Jn. 6:41; Lk. 15:2; Phil. 2:14)
- C. The gospel of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ people (Matt. 13:57; 15:12; 13:21; 24:10)
- D. Only the Son of Man can \_\_\_\_\_ into heaven (Jn. 3:12-13; 1:51)

### **III. The Helplessness of the Flesh (v. 63)**

- A. Life in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 1:12-13; 3:6)
- B. Death in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 16:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:50)
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus are spirit and life (Jer. 15:16; Col. 3:16; 1 Jn.2:14)

### **IV. No One Can Come to Christ (vv. 64-65)**

- A. Not a \_\_\_\_\_ of information but a lack of faith (Rom. 1:17; Eph. 2-8-9; Jn. 6:70-71)
- B. Not \_\_\_\_\_ to the will of man but according to will of God (Jn 6:37, 39; 44; 1:13; Rom. 9:16; Titus 3:5)

### **TAKE HOME**

- Are you \_\_\_\_\_ to give up complete control of your life?
- Are you \_\_\_\_\_ by the gospel or any part of God's Word?
- Are you \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus by way of the flesh or by the Spirit?

## STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 6:60. How many types of listeners have we learned about in John 6? What are some of the reasons why this was a hard saying? (Jn. 6:14-15, 26, 30-31, 32, 58, 41-46, 53-56)

2. Which one of the above reasons for why it was hard for some of these disciples to believe hits home closest for you? Why?

3. Read John 6:61-62. How do we know that not all disciples are true disciples? (Jn. 2:23-25; Matt. 7:21)

4. Why do you think the gospel of Christ offends people? (Matt. 13:57; 15:12; 13:21; 24:10) Why are people more offended by Jesus’ words than they are His works?

5. Read John 6:63. What does this verse mean? How do Jn. 1:12-13; 3:6; Matt. 16:16-17; and 1 Cor. 15:50 help us understand this verse even better? How are the words of Jesus spirit and life?

6. Read John 6:64-65. Why does Jesus say, “There are some of you who do not believe”? What is keeping them from believing? (Rom. 1:17; Eph. 2-8-9; Jn. 6:70-71)

7. Are you saved according to your will or God’s? Why do you answer in that way? (Jn 6:37, 39; 44; 1:13; Rom. 9:16; Titus 3:5)

8. Which one of the take home questions challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How do you plan to live differently this week based on this passage?

*“What we need is less anecdotal preaching, less rhetorical embellishment, less reliance upon logic, and more direct, plain, pointed, simple declaration and exposition of the Word itself. Sinners will never be saved without this— “the flesh profiteth nothing!”*

- A.W. Pink, *Exposition of the Gospel of John*