Are You Going To Leave, Too?

Group Questions - *Honest to God*
John 6:60-71

Welcome & Check-In

- Where did you see God at work in your life since we last met?
- Read Psalm 38:4. How have you tasted and seen that God is good?

FOLLOWING JESUS: Scripture & Reflection

- Read John 6:60-71 out loud as a group.
    - What words or phrases stand out to you?
    - What questions do you have?
- In verses 60-61, the disciples describe Jesus' teaching as “hard.” Why do you think the teaching of Jesus (vv. 35; 53) was so hard for the disciples to accept? What do you notice about how Jesus responds to their objections?
- In John 6:63-65, Jesus emphasizes that spiritual life comes from God rather than human effort. What do you think that means in practicality, and how does it challenge the way you think about spiritual growth?
- Why do you think Jesus asks the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” (v. 67), rather than trying to convince the others to stay? What does this reveal about Jesus and what it means to follow him?
- In verse 70, Jesus says he chose the Twelve, yet one of them would betray him. What does Judas's presence add to this story about following Jesus?

IN COMMUNITY: Sharing & Support

- Of the three reasons Ryan mentioned that people walk away from Jesus (his teaching, expectations, requiring dependence), which is the hardest for you?
    - What teaching of Jesus have you found difficult to understand or accept? How have you responded to that tension?
    - On Sunday, Ryan said, “Sometimes the greatest challenge to our faith isn't what Jesus says. It's what Jesus *doesn't* do.” How have you experienced that? How have you responded when Jesus didn’t meet your expectations?
    - On Sunday, Ryan shared about a moment when he wanted to walk away from his faith. Have you ever had a moment like that?
- In verses 68-69, what reasons does Peter give for continuing to follow Jesus? What do you think Peter understood about Jesus that the disciples who left had missed?
- Of the three reasons Peter continues following Jesus (Jesus alone satisfies, he trusts his words, he knows his identity), which is the strongest anchor for you? Why?
    - Peter doesn't claim to have all the answers, but he still expresses confidence in who Jesus is. What experiences have helped you develop that kind of confidence in Jesus?

- When you've struggled with doubts or disappointment in your faith, what has helped you keep following Jesus? How can we be a community where people feel safe bringing their honest questions?

ON MISSION: Next Steps

- What's the difference between inviting Jesus to help you live your life and depending on Jesus for your life? Which better describes how you're currently following him?
- Is there something Jesus is calling you to do that you don't fully understand or feel ready for? What would taking a step of obedience look like this week?
- Is there someone you love who has walked away from the faith? If you're willing, share with the group and then spend some time praying for those people.

Core 4 questions:

- **What is Jesus saying to you?**
- How do you feel about what he is saying?
- What are you going to do in response?
- Who will you share this with?

- Revisit and add to your prayer list, then pray for one another.