

Where Else Would You Go?

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John 6:60-69

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

After a hard teaching, most of Jesus' followers walked away, and he turned to the twelve: do you want to leave too? Peter's answer was not a speech. It was honest math: Lord, where else would we go? You have the words of eternal life. Pastor Matt named five things people choose over Christ: career, family and friends, hobbies, religion, and comfort. Every one of them is temporary. His words are not.

To get started

- What is the last thing you gave up something important for?

Looking back at the message

The five choices are the spine of this message. List them before you discuss them.

- 1 Pastor Matt named five things people choose over Christ: career, family and friends, hobbies, religion, and comfort. Which one is yours?
- 2 Pastor Matt joked that when people say they do nothing in the evenings, they mean Netflix. His point: comfort entertainment does not solve the hard things of life, it helps us avoid them. Which is it doing for you?
- 3 Pastor Matt said most of us would stand up and defend the claim that Jesus is better than everything, then walk out and live like other things are. Why is that gap so wide?

Looking at the passage

Read John 6:60-69. It helps to say what the hard teaching was that drove people away.

- 4 Read John 6:60-66. What made this teaching hard enough that people quit following?
- 5 In verse 67, Jesus asks the twelve if they want to leave too. Why would he ask that?
- 6 Peter's answer in verse 68 is a question, not a speech. What does that tell you about how he got there?
- 7 Read Philippians 3:7-11. Paul uses strong words about everything he lost. What is he comparing it all to? OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

The religion-over-relationship point is easy to nod at and hard to apply. Slow down there.

- 8 Where have you swapped religious activity for an actual relationship with Jesus?
- 9 Pastor Matt said Christ is the source of all comfort. Where are you shopping for comfort somewhere else?
- 10 Answer the title question honestly: when you drift from Jesus, where else do you go?
- 11 What is one way you could put Jesus first this week that would actually cost you something? OPTIONAL

The group together

Some in the group are near the edge of walking away. Do not assume everyone is settled.

- 12 Why do people usually leave faith quietly instead of all at once?
- 13 What would help someone in this group stay when a teaching feels hard?
- 14 How could this group make it normal to say, I am struggling to believe this?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What are you currently choosing over Christ, and what would reordering that look like this week?

You might pray about

- For anyone in the group considering walking away
- For careers and hobbies to find their right place
- For comfort found in Christ rather than in distraction