

## Takers, Fakers, and Faithful Disciples John 6

John 6:60-71 (HCSB)

Therefore, when many of His disciples heard this, they said, "This teaching is hard! Who can accept it?" Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were complaining about this, asked them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to observe the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? The Spirit is the One who gives life. The flesh doesn't help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. But there are some among you who don't believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray Him.) He said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted to him by the Father." From that moment many of His disciples turned back and no longer accompanied Him. Therefore, Jesus said to the Twelve, "You don't want to go away too, do you?" Simon Peter answered, "Lord, who will we go to? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that You are the Holy One of God!" Jesus replied to them, "Didn't I choose you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is the Devil!" He was referring to Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, one of the Twelve, because he was going to betray Him.

### I. The Dead-beat Dropouts

John 6:66 (HCSB)

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*I'm increasingly convinced that church shopping kills disciples. Pick a church. Join that mission. Stick with it. Forget what it can do for your family. Give yourself away. In that, you will find life. Stop asking what your church can do for you and start asking what you can do for your neighbors and friends and people far from Christ. – Carey Nieuwhof*

1 John 2:19 (NIV)

They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

### II. The Make-believe Pretenders

John 6: 70-71 (HCSB)

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Mark 7:6-7 (HCSB)

Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men."

2 Corinthians 13:5-6 - The Message

Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it.

Matthew 27:3-5 (HCSB)

When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

III. The Never-Quit Followers

- Choose to crucify the flesh and walk in the Spirit.

John 6:63 (HCSB)

The Spirit is the One who gives life. The flesh doesn't help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Romans 8:6-9 (HCSB)

For the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set of the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind-set of the flesh is hostile to God because it does not submit itself to God's law, for it is unable to do so. Those whose lives are in the flesh are unable to please God. You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God lives in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

- Know that His words are words of life.

John 6:63, 68

The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.... You have the words of eternal life.

- Never stop running to Jesus!

John 6:68-69 (HCSB)

Peter answered, “Lord, who will we go to? ... We have come to believe and know that You are the Holy One of God!”

Psalm 141:8 The Message

“But GOD, dear Lord, I only have eyes for you. Since I’ve run for dear life to you, take good care of me.”