

Study Guide for August 31st, 2008. To whom shall we go? John 6:60-71

Introduction: Who have you known to have turned away from following Jesus?

I. Disciples who turn back. (John 6:60-66)

A. Why are these so-called disciples offended? What is so hard for them to accept?

B. In vs. 62 Jesus seems to leave his conditional statement unfinished. . .

- 1) To what is he referring by saying he will **ascend to where he was before**?
- 2) If these so-called disciples were to witness that, how would they respond?
- 3) Why do you think Jesus left the conditional statement unfinished?

C. Fill in the blanks: (vs. 63) “The _____ gives _____; the _____ counts for _____ .

The _____ I have spoken to you are _____ and they are _____.”

D. Despite the revelation given by Jesus, how do these so-called disciples respond?

E. According to vs. 64 what did Jesus know? From when did he know this?

F. What explanation does Jesus give for their unbelief? (see also John 6:37 & 44)

G. Comment on the following quote by D.A. Carson, “However much men and women are commanded to believe, and are held accountable for their unbelief, genuine coming to faith is never finally a matter of autonomous human decision.”

II. Disciples who declare, “We believe!” (John 6:67-69)

A. What question does Jesus pose to the twelve? Why does he ask them this?

B. Consider carefully Peter’s response (vs. 68-69) . . .

- 1) How does he address Jesus?
- 2) What affirmation is behind the question with which he replies?
- 3) What positive statement does he make about Jesus?
- 4) How does Peter declare his faith?

C. When did you come to the realization that Jesus is the ‘Holy One of God?’

III. The disciple who would betray Christ. (John 6:70-71)

A. What does Jesus emphasize with his rhetorical question? Why?

B. Why does Jesus refer to Judas as (the) devil? (see John 13:2 & Mk. 8:31-33)