

## THE COSTLY LIFE WEEK 4- John 6:60-71

### Review previous (3) sermons

#### Background Information for John 6, leading up today's passage.

- Jesus has fed the 5,000
- Jesus has walked on water
- The masses are following Him
- Jesus has just preached His "Bread of Life" Sermon which stated
  - o He is from heaven
  - o He is the bread of life
  - o He is superior to Moses
  - o That you must eat of His flesh and drink of His blood

#### I. The Response (v.60)

"God's word requires a response." Notice how the people respond in (v.60)

#### How do we respond to God's word?

1. **Outright Rejection**
2. **Superficial Submission**
3. **Total Surrender**

#### What do these look like?

- A.) **Outright Rejection** – Angry, Bitterness, Argumentative, Defiant, Proudful, Independent, and Hard-Hearted. All of these characteristics are masking the real problem? Insecurity which is a result of sin. We want control. Remember Genesis 3:5, "You will be like God."
- B.) **Superficial Submission** – Compartmentalized Faith, Convenient Faith, Curious Faith, Hidden Agendas, Ulterior Motives, Second Guessing, Always Doubting. All of these characteristics are masking the real problem? Insecurity which is a result of sin. We want control
- C.) **Total Surrender** – Humility, Dependence Faith, and Desperate Faith
- "Humility is confidence properly placed." The cure for insecurity is submission. How do we respond? Remember Jesus knows what we really look like?

#### II. The Rebuke (vs.61-64)

- A.) Jesus is aware of you – He is Sovereign
- B.) Jesus will offend you – Why? Jesus confronts with truth which reveals sin
- C.) Jesus will challenge you – What excuse will we make?
- D.) Jesus is speaking to you – Do we hear it? What is our perspective? Are we choosing life? Do we see as God sees?

"Until we see as God sees, we really don't see at all."

#### III. The Reminder (v.65)

Jesus reminds them...

- A.) I am the initiator of life
- B.) I am the sustainer of life
- C.) I am the author of life
- D.) I am sovereign over life

Jesus in essence is telling them, that He has come to them, that He must pursue them.

"We dethrone God, when we say we have a part in salvation." – MacArthur

"We strip Him of His omnipotence."

#### IV. The Reaction (vs. 66-69)

The reaction of Jesus' words reveals the hearts of the followers.

"Jesus is not looking to build a crowd, but to see converts."

- A.) **False Disciples Reaction** – Quit, Give Up, Don't see things through, Don't Persevere, Don't Endure. Why? Because they are attached to for the right reasons.
- B.) **Jesus' Reaction** – Jesus asks the hard questions
- C.) **True Disciples Reaction** –
  - a. Who compares to Jesus? None
  - b. What does Jesus offer? Life
  - c. Who is Jesus?
    - i. Do we believe it? Do we know it? How does this play out in our lives?

#### V. The Reality (vs. 70-71)

Jesus says...

- A.) Remember My Position**
- B.) One of you is Pretending**

What about us? Do we acknowledge God's position in our lives? Are we playing games? Are we pretending?