



**November 18-24, 2018**

**Connecting with Each Other:**

What are some products (food, etc.) that you only buy/eat if they are name brand? Why?

What are some things you don't mind getting an 'off-brand'?

**Primer**

What stood out from Sunday's message?

**Discussing God's Word:**

Over the past few weeks, we have seen the crowds following Jesus for superficial reasons. Jesus challenges them by stating that he was the "bread of Life" (beginning in v. 35) and challenging his followers to believe (v. 29, 47) in Him and to drink his blood and eat his flesh (vv. 53-55). Let's discuss the responses of the crowd and of the response of the true disciples. Read John 6:60-71 with your group.

Who are the 'disciples' Jesus is referring to in v. 60? How did they respond to the teachings of Jesus in the previous verses?

The phrase 'hard saying' can figuratively mean 'hard to accept' in the original language. Based on this, do you think their rejection of Jesus came from a lack of understanding?

How does Jesus respond in v. 61 and 62? What can we learn from Jesus' response?

What does Jesus' response reveal about the meaning behind his prior claim to being the 'Bread of Life' (v. 63)?



How do the 12 Disciples respond to the crowd leaving Jesus?

What does Jesus reveal about one of His 12 Disciples in v. 70? Who was Jesus talking about?

What does John 12:5-6 reveal about Judas Iscariot? What does this tell us about the outward appearance of obedience?

Identify these types of people in the passage and discuss the type of faith they demonstrated:

Genuine followers of Christ -

Those who openly reject Christ -

Those that outwardly follow, yet inwardly reject Christ -

**Application Questions:**

In this week's text, we see three types of responses to Jesus: genuine followers, those that openly reject Him and those that privately reject Christ while outwardly identifying with Him to receive the benefits that come from life with Jesus.

Why have you chosen to follow Jesus?

How do you handle teachings that are difficult to accept as you come across them in the Bible?

How can we encourage you to follow Jesus?