## SERMON OUTLINE John 6:60-71

Many Turned Back But Some Believed

#### A BRIEF REVIEW

John 1-5 Review

John 6 Review

**REJECTING JESUS (60-66)** 

**BELIEVING IN JESUS (67-71)** 



# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### **MAIN POINT**

The main point of this passage continues to be that Jesus will receive all who come to Him, granting them eternal life. But we must also see that (1) all must come to Him on His terms, only His terms, and all of His terms, and (2) that the ability to understand and gladly accept Jesus' terms is a gift of God.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
- 2. What was your experience with Holy Week growing up? Is it any different today? If so, how and why?
- 3. What is the most spiritually strengthening thing you do/have done during Holy Week?
- 4. Can you see the parallels between this passage and the change in the crowds between Palm Sunday and Good Friday?
- 5. Does it seem like you are growing in your understanding of John's Gospel-how it fits together and what it calls for?
- 6. In light of Pastor Dave's review, what from John's Gospel has stood out to you the most so far? What difference has it made?
- 7. Can you explain biblically why so many could actually be with Jesus, the very Son of God, and not believe?
- 8. Which aspect of Jesus' nature, command, and promise is hardest for you to believe? Why?
- 9. What do you think of the idea that genuine faith in Jesus is a gift from God?
- 10. Do you view Jesus' commands as optional? Do you pick and choose which ones to obey and when? Do you focus on the more palatable claims of Jesus? Do you ignore the ones that speak of His holiness, wrath, and imperium? What happens when things don't go the way you planned? Is your happiness based on your sense of how things should be and go? Do you ever take "risks" for the sake of the gospel? Is your life primarily focused on maximizing your comfort and safety?
- 11. What do you make of the categories of unbelieving believer and discipleless disciple?
- 12. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

### AREAS OF APPLICATION

- 13. Participate as fully as possible in the things Grace Church offers to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus this week.
- 14. Spend some time reading and rereading John's Gospel this week. Focus especially on John's account of Jesus' final week.
- 15. Share the good news of the empty tomb with someone!
- 16. Create some kind of art intended to communicate and celebrate some aspect of Holy Week. Share it with Pastor Dave ;-)
- 17. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

### **PRAYER POINTS**

- 18. Adoration. Praise God for being holy, merciful, gracious, just, patient, and kind. Praise God for being perfect in wisdom, love, and power. Praise God that He is the One True God. Praise God that He is the creator, king, savior, and sustainer of the world.
- 19. Confess. Confess any areas you are not trusting in Jesus. Confess any ways you are indifferent to the saving work of Jesus. Confess any hints of unbelieving belief or discipleless discipling in your heart.
- 20. Thanksgiving. Thank God for Jesus–all that He is, said, did, commands, and promises. Thank God for a church that is committed to proclaiming the good news of the empty tomb to the ends of the earth. Thank God for the gift of faith.
- 21. Supplication. Ask God to grant you the gift of faith. Ask Him to use you to bring it to some other (specific) person too. Ask God to reveal all the unbelieving belief and discipleless disciples at Grace. Ask God to strengthen and sanctify us. Ask God to grant us Easter celebrations that truly honor Him.

