

THAT YOU MAY KNOW

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
John 6:60-71
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"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all..."
- John 6:63

I. FALSE DISCIPLES REJECT JESUS AND HIS WORDS (THE BAD AND THE UGLY)

- They do not listen to Jesus (v. 60).
- They close their ears, minds and hearts to Jesus (v. 60).
- They do not want Jesus as Lord. They only want what they can get from him (v. 26).
- They grumble and take offense at Jesus (vv. 61-62).
- They do not believe (v. 64).
- They walk away from Jesus (vv. 66-67).
- They are influenced by Satan and they betray Jesus (vv. 70-71).

II. THE FLESH IS NO HELP AT ALL

- The Spirit gives life (v. 63).
- We can do nothing to earn salvation (Romans 8:8).
- No one comes to Jesus unless God grants it (vv. 44, 65).
- Biblical reasons people reject Jesus (1 Cor. 2:12, 14; 2 Cor. 4:3-4; John 3:19; Romans 1:18; Matthew 16:15-17; John 12:25).

III. TRUE DISCIPLES STICK WITH JESUS AND HIS WORDS (THE GOOD)

- True disciples know Jesus is the only way to eternal life (v. 68; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5).
- True disciples have genuine saving faith (v. 69).
- True disciples do not just know about Jesus. They know Jesus (v. 69).
- True disciples want Jesus because he is the Greatest Treasure in the world (vv. 68-69).

KNOW: The flesh is no help at all! Only the Spirit gives life. We can do nothing to earn our salvation or to help God earn our salvation.

DO: Listen to Jesus. Bow the knee to King Jesus as Lord. Trust in his death on the cross and in his resurrection as your only hope of eternal life. Trust the words of Jesus for salvation and for your sin struggles and trials. Put no confidence in the flesh for salvation and growing in Christ.

Suggested Reading:

The Gospel of Jesus Christ by Paul Washer

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 6:60-71

1. What Biblical teachings do people most grumble at and take offense to? What verses in the Bible have you been tempted to grumble at or take offense to?
2. In what ways do you find yourself wanting what Jesus gives you more than simply wanting him?
3. What was Jesus referring to when he said in verse 63, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all."? Discuss the implications of this for false disciples and for true disciples.
4. What biblical reasons, as taught in the sermon, explain why people reject Jesus?
5. How does John 6:44, 65 bring unity to believers who hold to different views (Calvinism or Arminianism) of God's sovereignty in salvation?
6. When do you find yourself going to your words and the words of the world rather than the words of Jesus alone for salvation and also for your sin struggles and trials?
7. Why do you think Jesus chose Judas to be an apostle even though Jesus knew all along Judas was a false disciple?