

Hard Truth

WEEK 2

WARM-UP

- What is something you kept on doing, even when it got hard?
 Can you tell us about it?
- Is there someone you trust who always tells the truth? Tell us about that person.
- What is something you feel you cannot live without?

WORD

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." **JOHN 6:66-69**

Jesus compared following Him to the experience of the Israelites as they wandered around the wilderness in the time of Moses. If they did not eat the bread that God had provided for them daily, they would not have survived all those years in the desert. In the same way, believing in Jesus is filling our souls with *food that endures to eternal life* (John 6:27). We are to eat of the living bread, Jesus, every day so that we could live (John 6:51). Jesus' own disciples found this hard to accept, so many of them left Him. A true follower of Jesus is called to live a life of sacrifice, fully trusting and obeying God. This means two things.

1 A life of sacrifice means no turning back.

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(Read also **JOHN 6:60,65.**)

Jesus was talking to those who were already following Him when He introduced Himself as the living bread. However, when they heard something that was hard to accept, they left Him. When we decide to follow Jesus, this means we do not turn back from trusting and following Him, no matter how hard it would be to accept the truths He tells us. What is
something God told you that was difficult to accept? How did
you respond?

A life of sacrifice means choosing God over everything else.

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Like Peter, when we have come to know lesus, we choose

Him above the options the world offers us. We choose Him because we are convinced that He alone has the words of eternal life. What does it mean to have the words of eternal life? As we seek Him, we will come to know that He is the Holy One of God. How did you come to know more about who Jesus is in your life.

APPLICATION

- Have you decided to walk with Jesus for the rest of your life?
 Would you like to walk with Him starting today?
- How can you grow deeper in knowing, believing, and walking in the words of God? What is one thing you will do for this starting today?
- How can you tell others about the words of eternal life that you believe in? How can you invite them to read and believe in them this week?

PRAYER

MOTEC

- Thank Jesus for giving us His words of eternal life. Pray that you will continue to grow in your relationship with Him as you meditate on and obey them.
- Ask God to reveal Himself to you more as you believe in Him, that you may come to know Him more.
- Pray that you will be able to share the words of Jesus and the gospel with your friends and family.

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