

Tough Talk – The Hard Sayings of Jesus

Week 1 - Lifegroup Questions

- Icebreaker: Have you made any New Year's Resolutions? If yes, how are they going? If no, why not?
- Read John 6:22-69, what stood out to you as you read this chapter?
- In verses 22-24 a crowd of people are pursuing Jesus, why were they looking for him? Do you think that their approach to Jesus a good one? Why/why not? In what way are you pursuing Jesus in your life right now?
- In verse 26 Jesus tells the crowd not to “work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life” what do you think he means by this? What is the lesson for us?
- In verse 29 Jesus tells the crowd that the work of God is “to believe in the one he has sent” is it really that simple? If so why do the crowd have so much trouble believing in Jesus? Why do people have so much trouble believing in Him today?
- In verse 35 Jesus declares “I am the bread of life” why do you think that Jesus uses the analogy of bread?
- What are the benefits of believing in Jesus described in verses 37-40, what other benefits have you discovered in your own walk with Jesus?
- In verses 53 -58 Jesus ‘raises the stakes’ by telling them “unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you” why does he speak this way? What are the crowd doing at this point?
- Accepting that Jesus is speaking metaphorically in these passages (see also John 10:9, John 15:1 etc.) in what way are we to ‘eat and drink’ Jesus?
- What is it that causes so many of Jesus disciples to turn their back on Jesus in verse 66? What causes people to turn their backs on Jesus today?
- What do you think of Peter's response to Jesus question in verse 68? How would you respond if Jesus asked you the same thing?