



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: The 7 Saddest Words in the New Testament

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Scripture: John 6:66-71

From this time many of his disciples came out from around him **and never walked around with him again.**

“You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.

Then Jesus replied, “Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!” (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

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Sermon Outline:

- I. Our posture in life is that we are behind Jesus, we follow him.
- II. Immediately before this passage (v. 53-61) Christ offends them saying they are to eat his flesh and drink his blood.
- III. After hearing this many people leave him, and never followed him again, but the twelve stayed.
- IV. True Discipleship allows Jesus to strip us of our projections and illusions of who He is and to radically transform us, continually.
- V. The Twelve are willing to be totally transformed.
- VI. Jesus wants to radically transform and reorient our lives. It will confuse, offend and disorient us in the process.
- VII. The twelve stay with Jesus even though it feels lousy for them to do so.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday New Life, Pastor-at-Large, Pete Scazzero preaches out of John 6, on Jesus losing his followers and how to trust Jesus, even in the most difficult times.

Sermon Questions:

- I. What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?
 - How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? What words resonate with you? Why?
 - In your family of origin what was the view of God that was projected? Of church/religion?
 - Have you ever been offended by God? Maybe in the way He works or doesn't work?
 - What illusions throughout your walk have you found you have of God?
 - Are you serving God the way He wants you to serve or the way you want to serve him? Are you allowing him to continually drastically transform you for His will?
 - The Twelve stayed with Jesus, despite others leaving, because they knew if they patiently persevered, they could trust Jesus for what would come ahead. What is something today in your life you need to trust Jesus with and how can God use that fear/anxiety to help transform you?