

Special Message: Pastor Nate Garn

Message - The Life-Giving Spirit

<u>Sermon Big Picture</u> - The disciples, seeing the crowds leave, are stumbled by Jesus' words. Jesus explains that the spiritual life comes only through the Holy Spirit.

Scripture: John 6:60-71

Examination

- 1. The disciples struggle with Jesus' hard words, and their effect on the crowds. What does this seem to reveal the disciples were concerned with? Also, what Jesus was really concerned with?
- 2. How does V. 63 reveal how Jesus words separate true believers from those who follow Him superficially?
- 3. In V. 63 and V. 65, how does Jesus teach us that salvation can only be a work of God, and not accomplished by human means and methods?
- 4. How do V.66-69 show us the response of the genuine believer in Jesus?
- 5. V.70 tells us that Judas, who was one of the 12 disciples, was not truly a believer. How was Judas very much like the crowds in what he wanted from Jesus?

Application

- 1. How do you respond to the hard words of Jesus?
- 2. What are the practical implications of God's sovereignty in salvation for evangelism?

Personal Discipline

Jesus calls us to believe even when His words are difficult to receive, and even when His ways aren't the way we would do things. Pray for faith to believe and obey in all circumstances, trusting that He is exactly who He said He is; the Savior, the Son of God.