

**Vs 59** • Jesus was teaching this in all the synagogues as well, causing more division with the Rabbis and other Jewish leaders. This is setting up the Cross!

**Vs 60–62** • If you can't believe Jesus' words, you probably won't believe in miracles. A hardened heart will find some reason not to.

**Vs 63** • Jesus' teaching has been a SPIRITUAL lesson, but they stumble as they can only think PHYSICALLY.

**Vs 64–65** • *Those willing follow the Carpenter, Jesus, with His rag-tag reject disciples were the ones granted by the Father. If a self-righteous person wanted to follow Jesus, he would have to believe what seemed like utter nonsense. And he would have to humble himself to be among the LEAST instead of the greatest.*

**Vs 67–69** • Make Peter's words *your* words: *To whom would I go? Only You have the words of eternal life!*

**Vs 70–71** • We see that God's work of *giving, drawing, and granting* is not a permanent condition. Judas was all of these, yet he betrayed Christ!

#### BONUS DISCUSSIONS:

**What are the different views of COMMUNION?**

**How did Jesus fulfill the TYPE of the manna from heaven?**



#### Midweek Study • John 6

Mt Lassen Community Church  
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**Vs 1–25** will be covered in a Sunday sermon

Two "Signs" → Feeding the 5000 (men) and Walking on Water. Review:

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**Vs 25** • Jesus Teaches about "Bread from Heaven"

Some words to the true disciples

Some words to the "looky-loo" crowds

Some words to the Jewish leaders scrutinizing him

**Vs 26–27** • Don't seek food that perishes; seek eternal-life food

**Vs 28–29** • They won't be doing any work from God until the first BELIEVE in Jesus

**Vs 30–35** • Jesus identifies Himself as the Bread from Heaven. The crowds are still desiring physical bread given miraculously.

**Vs 36–37** • This is where Jesus starts His "hard" teaching. Throughout this chapter, there are...

- ... some who have been **given** Him by the Father, and some who haven't. (Vs 37 & 39)

- ...some who are being **drawn** and some who aren't. (Vs 44)

- ...some who have been **granted** to come to Jesus and some who haven't. (Vs 65)

Why is God being exclusive? Who is being excluded? How is God excluding some and including others? *What is going on here???*  
The CONTEXT is important to understand this chapter—

#1 • God is setting events in motion that will lead to the Crucifixion  
This chapter transitions from a time of Popularity to a time of Rejection, as many walk away from Jesus.

#2 • God is sifting true disciples from false followers. See vs 66–71! This is where this difficult teaching of Jesus is leading.

#3 • God is excluding certain GROUPS from Jesus' kingdom (not individuals, but the group in general). God hardens the hearts of these groups in response to Jesus' teachings and miracles:  
Pharisees / Sadducees / Priests / Sanhedrin / Jewish Kings / even the CROWDS, representing the Nation as a whole!  
And ROME as a whole, as Jesus is crucified under their authority.  
*But remember: Individuals could come to Jesus from these groups. And this "judicial hardening" of hearts is only until the Cross. In the Gospel, the doors are flung wide open!*

#4 • Even as certain groups are hardened against Him, Jesus in this teaching is INVITING and WOOING and URGING people come to Him.

**Vs 38–39** • "All He has given me" refers specifically of the 12 disciples (see John 17:12; John 18:6–9)

**Vs 40** • Jesus is wooing and inviting people to believe in Him for life

**Vs 41–42** • Jesus is bringing division between the Jews and Himself. They are skeptical of His claims, knowing that He had earthly parents.

**Vs 43–44** • Being "drawn" to God is a controversial phrase in the church today. But in our debates, we forget why this was a hard thing for the Jews to understand and accept—

1 • Jews didn't see themselves as "drawn" into God's Kingdom, but rather, BORN INTO IT! If you were Jewish, then you were IN from birth. No mysterious drawing was involved!

2 • They hated the kinds of people who *were* being drawn to Jesus. They couldn't see themselves joining His rag-tag group of followers!

But, to understand this—remember: God was drawing *humble disciples who would believe in Jesus, but He was hardening the Jews such as the Pharisees. But, even individual Pharisees could believe in Jesus, such as Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea!*

**Vs 45** • "And they shall all be taught of God" – This is another invitation to come to Jesus!

**Vs 46–55** • Jesus teaches something that sounds like *cannibalism* to the Jews! This is an unthinkable horrific and wretched thought (Jer. 19:8–9)

This teaching is meant to both SIFT true disciples from false, and further DIVIDE Jesus from the Jewish leadership.

Their response should and could be: *Jesus, I don't get it, but I get YOU. And I will keep listening until you make it clear to me. Because I know you are GOD and I know you are GOOD.*

**Vs 56** • Another invitation: the offer to ABIDE with Jesus

**Vs 57–58** • More invitation