

# THINGS I WISH JESUS NEVER SAID

## PART SIX: EAT MY FLESH DRINK MY BLOOD

You don't want to leave too, do you? In this message, Chris recounts a statement that those gathered to hear Jesus simply didn't understand. But more important than the statement was the reaction of his disciples. In the face of a *trial*, *temptation* or *transition*, do we want to leave Jesus, too?

**BIG IDEA:** To walk away from Jesus is to walk towards something or someone else.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When was the last time you had something shocking happen to you or something shocking said to you? What made it shocking?
2. What aspect of Jesus' life and teaching have you found shocking and hard to understand?
3. Read John 6:54-69.



*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.” He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?” Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him.” From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. “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 believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”*

*John 6:54-69 (NIV)*

4. Are there things Jesus said or did that offend you or that used to offend you? Explain.
5. How was this passage shocking to the original hearers? What parts are shocking to you?
6. Has being a Christian ever put you in a place where you felt like leaving Jesus because it was costing you as much as it was benefiting you? When has following Jesus been inconvenient, embarrassing, or costly for you? What did you do?
7. In the message, Chris said, “*Questions tend to complicate things. Considering the options simplifies them.*” Do you agree? Why or why not?
8. How does Peter's question help you resolve the tension that always comes when following Jesus (John 6:68)?
9. Is transition, trouble, or temptation currently getting in the way of your ability to follow Jesus? What can this group do to support you?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Don't focus exclusively on your questions. Consider your other options: if you're not going to follow Jesus...to whom will you go? Who else is offering words of eternal life?

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

When you come to terms with the sin in your life it makes you a perfect person to address the sin in someone else's life. How can you put this into practice this week?

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

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