



extraORDINARY

Desertion Message 8

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► Outline

For the Word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(John 6:60-63. C/R: Hebrews 4:12)

Jesus' words _____.

B. In responding to Jesus' words, we can...

1. _____ Him.
(John 6:64-66. C/R: Matthew 16:23; 1 Corinthians 1:23)

2. _____ ourselves to Him.
**(John 6:67-71. 1 Kings 8:61; Psalm 119:33-40;
1 Corinthians 7:35)**

Answers: A. Divide B. 1. Desert 2. Devote

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time you said *no* but wished you'd said *yes*.

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read John 6:25-71.

1. John tells us the only work God wants from us is belief in Jesus (vs. 29), and that eternal life comes by the Spirit, not by human efforts (vs. 63). Why is this so hard for people to accept?
2. Jesus declared He is the bread of life (vs. 41, 48) and metaphorically described eternal life as eating His flesh and drinking His blood. Why did many of His followers find these words so offensive (vs. 60-61)?
3. If someone asked you to explain what it means that Jesus is the bread of life (vs. 35, 48), what would you say? What does this truth mean to you?
4. Some people continued to follow Jesus; many others turned away. Can you think of a time your confidence (loyalty, trust) in Jesus was shaken? What was that like for you?
5. Describe a time God told you something you didn't want to hear. How did you react?
6. What steps can you take to strengthen your devotion to Jesus?

7. Jesus knew the hearts of His disciples, and He knows what's in our hearts, too. What do you sense He's saying about your belief in Him?
8. How have Jesus' words become *spirit and life* to you?
See also Psalm 119:57-64 and Jeremiah 15:16.
9. Is there a part of Christianity that makes you wonder if it's really true? If so, what is it? What do you do with your questions and doubts?
10. How do you sense God wants you to respond to this week's lesson?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. We hope these practices become a regular part of your life so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

Before a few of your meals this week, read John 6:53-55. Do this to strengthen your loyalty to Jesus and help you remember that He is the only one who truly satisfies your deepest hunger.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Day 4: Jeremiah 15:16
Day 2: Deuteronomy 30:11-20 Day 5: Psalm 119:33-40
Day 3: 1 Kings 8:56-61

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, August 21, we'll continue our series titled *extraORDINARY*. To prepare, read **Matthew 17:1-13 and Mark 9:2-13**.



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