

## Answer the King: Do You Want to Go Away as Well?

## **Discussion Questions**

Date: September 22, 2019 | Scripture: John 6:60-71

- 1. Read John 6:60-71. What stands out to you? How does this passage fit into the entire chapter of John 6?
- 2. This pasage contains an encounter between Jesus and "nominal" (so-called) Christians. In verse 66, we see that many people in the crowd turned away from following Jesus. How is the "crowd" mentality towards Jesus present in our culture today? What are the dangers of following the crowds instead of following Jesus?
- 3. In John 6:26, Jesus exposed the political motivation of the crowd who followed him. How did the crowd's political vision for Jesus keep them from truly seeing him? In what ways can our politics distort our view of Jesus? What would it look like for our church to be a place that is apolitical and welcoming for all?
- 4. Jesus also called out the people for following him only for the benefits he gave them-in this instance, the food he provided. How do we mix up following Jesus for following him for the blessings he gives? What does it look like to pursue Jesus because he is an end in himself, and not a means to other things?
- 5. Sometimes the gospel sounds like too much to believe, and that can make us cynical. Have you ever wrestled with the tremendous claims of Christianity and the cost that comes with it? How do we navigate through our doubt in order to get to Jesus?
- 6. Being super-religious is another danger for us truly following Christ. How have you seen this play out in your life and in the lives of others?
- 7. The one antidote to nominal Christianity is not doing the opposite but clinging to Jesus. What does it look like to hold fast to Jesus? Do you have a regular habit of repentance that drives you to walk closer with Jesus?

Jesus is not a means to another end; he is the ultimate end. And when we follow him, he throws everything else in as well.