

# Sermon Questions

July 14, 2024 | Scripture: *Matt John 6:53-71* (Do you want to go away as well?)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 2.
- 3.

## Core Questions

1. In verse 60, many disciples say to one another, 'This is a hard saying.' How would you summarize the teaching they are referring to?
2. Look at verses 63 and 65. What hope is there for someone seeking life?
3. In verses 66 and 67, many followers leave Jesus, and he even challenges those who stay. Why is it so hard to stick with Jesus?
4. Consider Peter's answer in verse 68-9. What is his hope, and how far does his confidence go?

## Inward Grace in Action

5. Read the quotation in the box below. Has Christ brought that experience of crisis into your life? How has his light displaced your very self at the heart of your life?

## Outward Grace in Action

6. When we share the gospel with people, we are fundamentally challenging the foundations that their life is built upon. Do you tend more towards reveling in the offence of the gospel, or diminishing the truth of the gospel? How is this affecting your evangelism?

## WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Leviticus 17:10-16
- Daniel 7:13-14
- Psalm 69
- John 13:13-20
- 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
- 1 John 3

Serve: Volunteer to help with cooking meals at The Lamb Center by emailing [community@mcleanpres.org](mailto:community@mcleanpres.org)

Pray: Ask the Lord to reveal to you where you have not listened carefully to Christ, that he would reveal hard things and their goodness to you.

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund: [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)

...always Jesus appears to us in this Gospel as living and speaking at what we must call an odd angle to the scene at hand. No question is directly answered; He does not even hold the same conversation as others do. Always He is about His own work, His own word and world, and it is not ours. Yet He is the Center of ours. The events in the Gospel turn on Him; **He is the crisis of every life exposed by His Light...** the Deity of Christ is not direct Object to us. It does not compel assent as do the sturdy deliverances of our senses, or the firm deductions of our logic. It is the Light by which we see, mingled with the ordinary light of human exchange, human willing and knowing.<sup>1</sup>

Katherine Sonderegger, *Systematic Theology: The Doctrine of God*, vol. 1, 431.