

CHRIST'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
 The Gospel of John: The Deity and Teaching of Jesus Christ
"Following Jesus on His Terms, Not Ours"
 John 6:60-64 ESV

[55] For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. [56] Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in me, and I in Him. [57] As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on Me, he also will live because of Me. [58] This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." [59] Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as He taught at Capernaum. [60] When many of His disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" [61] But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? [62] Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? [63] It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. [64] But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him.)

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Instruction (2 Tim 3:16): What is God telling me?
Inspiration (Romans 8:16): How is the Holy Spirit moving me?
Imitator of Christ (Ephesians 5:1): How will I serve God by imitating Jesus?
My prayer this week:

Discussion Questions:

- Grp. 1 1. The disciples found Jesus' teaching in the previous verses difficult to accept. Was it difficult to accept because of its content or its implications?
- Grp. 1 2. Why did Jesus ask, "What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?" How does this relate to their difficulty with His teaching?
- Grp. 2 3. In verse 63, Jesus says, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no help at all."
 a. What does this mean in the context of understanding His teaching?
 b. What does this reveal about the necessity of the Holy Spirit in the process of salvation and spiritual growth?
 c. How can we apply this truth today in our own understanding of Scripture and our ability to follow Jesus?
- Grp. 3 4. How do you respond to doubts or challenges in your faith? Do you bring them to Jesus in prayer, seek guidance in Scripture, read commentaries, watch YouTube, or do you let it push you away?
- Grp. 4 5. Jesus' teachings often seem difficult or even offensive (see John 6:60-61).
 a. Why do you think that is? What makes Jesus' message different from other religious teachings?
 b. How should we respond when we face difficult or hard-to-understand teachings in Scripture?
 c. What role does humility play in accepting hard teachings from Jesus?
- Grp. 3 6. What makes following Jesus challenging in today's world? How do we continue to follow Him even when we don't fully understand everything He says or teaches?

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John 1:12-13 [12] But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, [13] who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Ephesians 2:4-5,8-9 [4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved- [8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

John 14:17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.