

# Authentic Faith

John 6:60-69

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Many people claim to have faith. Words are easy to say but...

I. Superficial faith fades and crumbles under pressure.

II. Authentic faith holds on to Christ in all circumstances.

Next Week: Dr. Mark D. Cain teaching

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## SUGGESTED DISCUSSION POINTS FROM JULY 8, 2018 SERMON

1. Read the Parable of the Sower (Matt. 13). How many different expressions of faith do you see?
2. Notice the context in John 6. Jesus has fed the 5000, walked on water, and then declared himself the bread of life. What do you think the many who saw and followed were expecting next? What kind of Messiah did they think Jesus was going to be?
3. The teaching of Jesus is described in 6:60 as a "hard teaching." Why was it so hard to accept? Is it still hard to accept?
4. "The Spirit gives life, but the flesh counts for nothing." What is Jesus saying about their faith of some of the followers? Note that Jesus knew some did not believe in him. What were they trusting in?
5. v. 66 is a sad verse. From that time many ceased to follow. They left. Why did they leave? Do we still see this kind of commitment today? What do statistics tell us about young people and church?
6. Jesus asked the 12 if they wanted to leave him. What was Peter's answer? How does he describe Jesus and why would that make it hard to walk away from Jesus?
7. Note that all who were following were called disciples which means learners or followers. Yet some walked away. What does that tell us about the many who say they are followers of Christ? What is the ultimate proof of that? How important is tenacity to faith? How important is it to have the right view of Jesus?