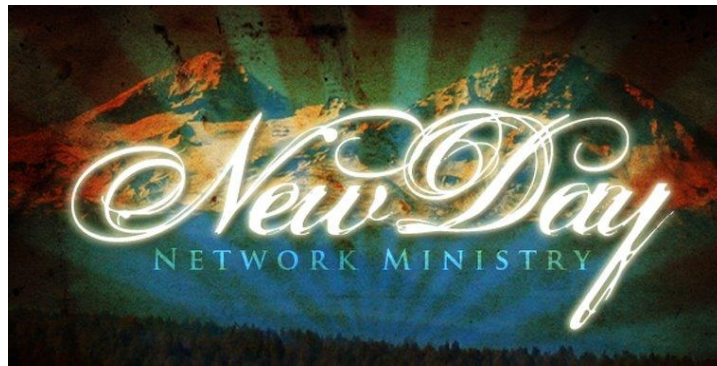


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John 6:68



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Where Will You Go?

We have been doing a thorough study of the Book of John on Sunday mornings. We are in chapter six and seeing right before our eyes that history definitely repeats itself.

In **John 6:57-66** we continue to see a crowd of people to which Jesus refers as His "disciples"--indeed they were following after Him for weeks sitting under His teaching, watching His healing ministry and other miracles. They were getting so excited that this might be their new king to conquer Rome! Then they hear things that are not what they want to hear and difficult to understand. **John 6:66** is a disturbing and sad commentary in light of what is happening with Jesus' earthly ministry: "**66 From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him.**" Obviously this is referring to the crowd, not the twelve. Jesus was still speaking the Truth and doing miracles every day. Why would they just walk away?

Here are two *possible* reasons:

1) Possibly because Jesus' message is **UNCOMPRISING**.

John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."
Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

2) Possibly because Jesus' message is **UNCOMFORTABLE**.

Jesus spoke about being the living Bread from heaven, but it was not received well by the crowd.
v. 60-61 "Many therefore of His disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, He said unto them, Doth this offend you?"

A few verses later "the crowd" walks away never to return. The verse specifically says "**and walked no more with Him**". Maybe the crowd was thinking something we have heard over the years: "*Oh, that Jesus stuff just isn't working for me.*" Can you imagine what the twelve apostles thought as they watched literally thousands of people walking away? *Things had been going so well!* Then, looking at **verses 67-69** Jesus turns to the twelve and asks, "**Will you also go away?**" Peter pipes up, (oh, you have to love Peter!)

68 Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

And there it is. No group, denomination, or religious creed can give you eternal life. Jesus is not an earthly king to influence the world order or take sides. Nor is He a bellhop or magic genie. Jesus Christ is the true Savior of the world, Son of the living God. So, seriously, WHERE WILL YOU GO to find the words of eternal life?



A Special Connection

The cross is a powerful connection! It stands for the holy sacrifice Jesus gave for all the world. It symbolizes the "bridge" between holy God and sinful mankind.

Connection is an important word. This month we were able to meet (*and connect with*) several people in town. As Alan talked with his nurses this last weekend in the hospital about what he was doing at Clark Fork Fellowship, one nurse said, "Oh, yeah, I think my husband and his mother visited when a Tennessee church was here!" Well, that's a new connection! She asked a few more questions and her husband had asked some questions, too. Now we are praying specifically for this family unit and ask that you join us on their behalf.

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The Connection of Prayer

Please Pray With Us For...

- * People we have met this month in Superior
- * Terra Nova Academy in Uganda
- * Alisha, Abdul, and the girls in Kampala
- * Alana as she works and serves in Missoula
- * Healing for Alan and this new health journey
- * New Day Network Support Team
- * First-Response & Medical Teams
- * Our nation and this election season
- * Chaos and war around the world

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Psalm 24:3-5



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