The True Disciple – John 6:36-71

The True Disciple is drawn to Jesus by the Father and will not be lost (6:36-40, 44-47, 65).

The True Disciple does not grumble at Jesus' difficult words (6:41-43).

The True Disciple eats Jesus' flesh and drinks His blood (6:48-59).

The True Disciple does not turn away from following Jesus (6:60-71).

Questions for Discussion & Application:

- 1. What was surprising, confusing, or helpful from today's passage?
- 2. When we look at 6:37, 44, & 65 what do we learn about God's role in our salvation? Does this challenge your understanding in any way? How?
- 3. In today's passage, why were many of the Jews finding Jesus' words so difficult and grumbling? What teachings of Christ might people find difficult today? What teachings of Jesus do you find difficult? How has God helped you to accept and trust these words instead of grumbling?
- 4. What does it mean to "eat Jesus' flesh and drink His blood"? How do these words of Jesus strike you personally? Why might this metaphor convey very well a complete humble trust in and reliance upon Jesus' death alone for our salvation?
- 5. Jesus questioned the 12 disciples about whether or not they would also turn away from following Him and Peter speaks for them a true confession of persevering faith. But even among the 12 who did not turn away, Jesus knew that Judas was a false disciple. Can false disciples be in surprising places still today? How can we recognize such a one? (Matthew 7:15-20)

Memory Verse: John 6:68

Passage to Look at for Next Week: John 7:1-52

Spirit of God

The blessing of the Father, gift of grace and love The promise of the Savior for power from above Oh, wondrous gift that's given for confidence and mission Holy Spirit, You make all things new

CHORUS

Spirit of God, breathe on me now Source of life, come, revive my weary heart Spirit of God, shine on me now Light of life, come, ignite my longing heart

Come and lift the dark clouds of doubt and unbelief Shine upon my soul now, for by Your rays I see Clearer, closer, deeper the love of my Redeemer Holy Spirit, You make all things new

Where You breathe hope thrives, the dead return to life And the dark must flee the breaking day By Your light I see the glory of my King Beholding Him I will be changed

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He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast When the tempter would prevail He will hold me fast I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

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Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts O God
Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
'Cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

Chorus
Show us Christ show us Christ
O God reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Verse 2
Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones
Freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today

Bridge
Where else can we go Lord
Where else can we go
You have the words of eternal life
(REPEAT)

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All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

Chorus

Hallelujah, all I have is Christ, Hallelujah, Jesus is my life Hallelujah, all I have is Christ, Hallelujah, Jesus is my life

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state, and led me to the cross And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be, my only boast is You

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