

Text: John 6:60—71
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Doctrine: The Watershed Issue (part 2)

Four Characteristics of a True Disciple :

1) A True Disciple Perseveres in the Face of Unpopularity (67)

2) A True Disciple Embraces the Exclusivity of Christ (68)

3) A True Disciple Believes Right Doctrine (69)

4) A True Disciple Grows in Humility (70—71)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God's Word in order to see the areas of your life that need change.

1. In verse 67, Jesus asks the disciples if they want to go away. Why does He ask them as they are not walking away with the crowds but instead standing there with Him? Wouldn't their presence speak loudly at this point? Why does Jesus ask the question?

2. Have you been tempted to "walk away"? Do you recall what the circumstances were? What 'hedges' can you place in your life so that when difficult circumstances arise again and you're tempted to abandon your calling you will remain steadfast?

3. If you have time read Hebrews chapter 11. What was the motivation for the people who persevered through very, very difficult times? What does the author specifically identify as their motivation(s) for persevering even through death?

4. Peter states amazing words in verses 68—69, but yet Jesus doesn't jump at that point and commend Peter. Instead Jesus tells them in verse 70 that they were chosen by Him and that one of them is the devil. Why does He do that? Why doesn't He commend Peter because of his fine confession of who Christ is? What is Jesus trying to teach them (and us)?

5. What are some additional thoughts and/or application from this morning's lesson? What does this passage teach you about the nature of man and about the nature of God?
