

appropriate or apply the sacrifice of Christ on the cross to himself. One must become _____ with Christ in order to _____ the kingdom of God. This statement was so strong that many left Him.

Paul said to Timothy that he should preach and be ready because in the last days a “*time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears _____, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own _____, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.*” Our days are truly filled with this very thing, sound doctrine has been replaced with _____ self improvement gospels, which will doom and “dupe” many in the end. We must always be on _____ to have the doctrine of Christ and not another. Doctrine means _____, and like a back bone it upholds the body of Christ. Thus a commitment to sound biblical _____ is essential for the Church. For this reason you must be careful who you allow to _____ into your life and who your “_____” are.

Another statement which Jesus made was “that no one can come to Me unless it has been _____ him from the Father.” This statement was doubly _____, first because he was claiming to be Gods Son. Then because he was making an exclusive claim to being the only _____ by which we are saved. This still causes many to _____ in regard to Christ. The world claims that there are many routes to God, even _____ can be viable path. However there is another point to be made, that the only way someone can come to God is if the Father calls them. This means that man must come to God, on Gods _____ and not his own. It seems nothing offends man more

than that.

Another reason that so many left him was that it would ultimately _____ them more than they wished to pay. The cost of _____ is always a heavy one, which no one should enter into lightly. Jesus said in v63, “*the flesh profits _____.*” This total abandonment of the works of the flesh is a cost for greater than some are willing to pay.

Others left him because they feared _____, and the cost of being looked down on by others. And then there were those who left simply because they had never taken _____ his words. We still see each of this types of hearers today, those who are not willing to pay the _____, those who wont endure sound _____, and those who were never serious at all.

At this point Jesus looks to his disciples and asks a question, “*Will you leave me also?*” This was a direct challenge of their commitment to him, and one which we ought to consider ourselves. In reply to this question Peter said “*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.*” This confession was the most _____ that anyone could make. There is no other savior, and there is no other way, but Christ! We must cling to him today, as never before in our life times, there are winds of _____ that threaten to carry us away. “*You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*” 2 Tim 3:14-15

A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said, “This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, “Does this cause you to stumble? “What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. “But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father. As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore. So Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?” Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. John 6:60-68

WHERE CAN WE GO BUT TO THE LORD:

At this point in the Gospel of John we see a great _____ taking place, where many who followed Christ _____ him. We will explore the reasons for this together and discover the great value which can be found in _____ to Christ.

_____ doctrine was too strong for their sensitivities. Lets examine several of the “hard sayings of Christ.” In John 6:53 he said “ “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no _____ in yourselves.” While we obviously rule out the _____ meaning of this text, the _____ meaning should be clear. That is that any one who desires fellowship with God, and a share of eternal life must first -

PREPARATION FOR NEXT CLASS:

Read John chapter 7