

## Message Notes

### JESUS part 9: Turning Point

Matthew 6:60-69

→ stand up, sit down

**#1 One of the most powerful influences in your life is the crowd.**

→ the height of popularity

→ a tough teaching - **John 6:26-27, 35, 53-55, 60**

**#2 Jesus wasn't here to win the crowd's admiration. He was here to win the crowd's salvation.**

→ from following to unfollowing - **vs. 61-66**

→ a situation that is common to all of us - **vs. 67**

**#3 Be mindful of the crowd.**

**It's not always right, even when it's loud.**

→ a great question to ask when tempted to leave - **vs. 68**

**#4 Following Jesus > Following the crowd**

## Group Questions

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1. Share a time from your childhood when you were influenced by the crowd.

Why is the crowd so powerful? Why is following it so tempting?

2. **Read John 6:26-27.** What is Jesus saying in these two verses?

Considering the context of these words and the miracle that preceded it, why was this so disappointing?

3. **Read John 6:60-66.** Many of Jesus' followers decided to leave Jesus because this was a hard teaching.

Are the certain teachings of Jesus that have been particularly hard for you? Share and discuss as a group.

4. **Read John 6:67.** As many in the crowd left, the 12 disciples were tempted to leave as well. In what ways has "the crowd" made it most difficult to follow Jesus for you?

What are some things you can do to minimize the influence of the crowd?

5. **Read Matthew 16:24-26.** What does Jesus say about following him? How do you feel about that?

6. **Read John 6:68.** Explain Peter's answer for the group. How can that question be helpful to you when you're tempted to follow anything else other than Jesus?