

# Life-Giving Words

## John 6:67-71

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### Think About It!

Outline: Recap

### Talk About It!

Points to Ponder

### Do It!

Questions to draw out understanding.

### Think About It!

We've all got those friends who are super blunt and say the things we were thinking about but didn't verbalize. Jesus is kind of like this, but often he asks questions instead—the kinds of questions that get us to say those things that are on our minds and reveal what's truly going on in our hearts. When we let God's words to us (including his questions) hit our hearts, we open ourselves up to greater depth with God than we've ever known before...and to the abundant life Jesus promised us.

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### Talk About It!

#### 1. God often speaks in questions.

- **John 6:67-68**
- **Parent Notes**
  - **Have you ever heard God speak to you?** It might not sound like an out loud kind of voice, but God does speak to his people. He speaks through his Word and through his Holy Spirit. When God's speak to us, we know deep down that the still small voice we are hearing in our hearts is his voice. We can know that it's him because it sounds like something that God has already said in the Bible.
  - **If God were to speak to you, what kinds of things do you think he'd say?** God says lots of things to us. He will tell us about his love or what he wants us to do, or if we need to say we're sorry for doing something wrong. IF you listen, you'll find out that God asks a lot of questions. Because he's God, he already knows the answer! He asks us questions so that we'll hear ourselves say the answer.
  - **If God told you to do something, what would you do?** Sometimes Jesus asks hard questions. He tells us to love people that we might not like. He tells us to be kind when we don't want to be. If we know that he's telling us to be kind to someone or tell another person about his love, we need to listen to him and obey.

#### 2. God creates in you a hunger for Him.

- **John 6:68-69**
- **Parent Notes**

- **Who knows you better, you or Jesus?** Jesus knows us a lot better than we know ourselves. Jesus knew that in Peter's heart his mind was already made up. He knew Peter even better than Peter knew himself. Jesus loves us so much, and he teaches us things we didn't even know about ourselves.
- **How long have you known Jesus?** The longer we know Jesus, the more we love him. Every day that we walk with him and get to know him more, we understand how he loves us and wants what is best for us. The more we know him, the more we love him.
- **Have you ever had to go to Jesus and tell him that you did something wrong?** When we do something wrong, sometimes we get scared to tell God or our parents. That feeling is called "shame," and doesn't come from God. When we tell him and our parents that we've made a mistake, it's called "repentance." It might sound scary, but it brings us closer to God and the people who love us.

### 3. Only God knows what's really in your heart.

- **John 6:70-71**
- **Parent Notes**
  - **God knows everything. He can see all your thoughts and always knows what's on your mind. How does it feel to know that?** If we feel ashamed about something and we try to hide it, we're not going to get anywhere. God already knows what is inside of us, all of our thoughts and feelings. That's nothing to be afraid of. Instead, it should bring us peace. He already knows everything, so we don't have to hide.
  - **Have you ever tried to hide something from God? What happened?** When we try to hide things from God, our hearts get harder and we become less like the person he made us to be. When we come to God and tell him everything, our hearts become softer, and we can rest in who God is and the good things that he is doing.
  - **Have you ever told the Lord that he can have everything?** Just like Peter says in these verses, we don't have anywhere else to go. We are all sinners, and God saves sinners. It's as simple as that. Our only option is to give God everything and let him turn us into the people that he wants us to be.

#### Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- What makes you say that?
- How does that make you feel?
- How would you explain this to someone who doesn't know Jesus?
- Why do you think God did it that way?
- Why should we do the things that God tells us?

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