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The Difficulties of Discipleship

Re-read John 6:60–71.

What new insights into the text did you glean from today's sermon?

The sermon's title was "The Difficulties of Discipleship." What difficulties were Jesus' disciples facing then?

What difficulties in following Jesus are you facing now? List them here.

Jesus' disciples grumbled among themselves and later "went away." We were encouraged to bring our concerns and struggles directly to the Lord. Review your list of difficulties and share them with Jesus in prayer.

Scripture passage for February 26

After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him. ²But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, ³Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. ⁴No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." ⁵For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

⁶Therefore Jesus told them, "My time is not yet here; for you any time will do. ⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that its works are evil. ⁸You go to the festival. I am not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come." ⁹After he had said this, he stayed in Galilee.

¹⁰However, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went also, not publicly, but in secret. ¹¹Now at the festival the Jewish leaders were watching for Jesus and asking, "Where is he?"

¹²Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man."

Others replied, "No, he deceives the people." ¹³But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the leaders.

John 7:1–13

