

GO TELL

LIFE GROUP LEADER GUIDE

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Sermon Passage(s): John 6:25-44, 53-69

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This Week's Main Takeaway

Evangelism is a means, but discipleship is the goal. We are called to make disciples, not just converts.

This Week's Memory Verse

John 6:68 (NIV), "Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Five Inductive Questions

1. GOD :: What does this passage imply about God?

Jesus offers Himself—He is our message.

The crowds that followed Jesus wanted bread to consume, Jesus offered them Himself. ("I am the bread of life," v. 35.)

The gospel we proclaim is not a product to be consumed but a Person to follow. It doesn't merely put a gift in people's hands—it places a Person in their life. The gospel is Jesus.

Like a wedding ceremony that is more than a legal transaction, the gospel does not simply offer a transaction whereby Jesus takes away our sin. The message of salvation is not a deal whereby we can "pay" something, and God gives salvation in return. ("If I do X, God will do Y.") The gospel is fundamentally a relationship. It is all about Jesus.

2. MAN :: What does this passage imply about man?

Peter's confession—"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (v. 68)—is the answer that separates disciples from crowds. It reflects the heart of discipleship.

At the beginning of John 6, thousands were following Jesus. By the end of the chapter, there were only Twelve, and one of them was Judas. Numbers were never the priority for Jesus. He would not water down the message of discipleship to draw crowds to Himself.

Jesus's teaching shocked the crowds. His reference to eating His flesh and drinking His blood meant that those who by faith appropriate His atoning work on the cross will receive eternal life (v. 54). Many were offended by this teaching; consequently, they turned their backs on Jesus and walked away.

Watering down the demands of the gospel results in “consumer Christianity” and treats faith and church as products to consume rather than a life of discipleship. It frames Christianity around personal preferences—what I like, what I get, what are my needs—instead of commitment to Christ.

3. PROMISE :: Is there a *promise* to claim in this passage?

Salvation is ultimately God’s work (vv. 37,44).

He takes the initiative; the first move is always His. We can come to Him only because He has first invited us. In salvation, faith is our response to His invitation. Jesus said that He would not refuse anyone who comes to Him; all are invited.

4. COMMAND :: Is there a *command* to obey in this passage?

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God’s sovereignty in salvation does not negate our responsibility to evangelize the lost. However, evangelism is not about human persuasion. We speak, but God draws. Success in evangelism is simply faithfulness in sharing the message of Jesus; it is God who brings the results. This promotes humility in us and frees us from anxiety.

5. REPENT :: Reflecting on this portion of God’s Word, what can I *repent* of this week?

Consider this week, what kind of disciple you are becoming? Additionally, have you taken steps to help make disciples consistently?

Next Week’s Sermon Text (May 10, 2026)

John 10

“People recognize Jesus through authentic relationship.”