



Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Do you think it is harder to be a fan of the Broncos Football Team or actually be a member of the first string on the Broncos?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Have you ever made a decision that put Jesus above your own will and desires that others thought was "crazy"? Share that with your group.

3. Read John 6:22-66.
 - a. Would you describe the crowd as fans or followers? Why?
 - b. What does Jesus mean that He is the bread of life and that people must eat His flesh and drink His blood? Do we literally eat and drink Jesus?
 - c. Why was this a "hard teaching" to accept?
 - d. Who was it that turned away and stopped following Jesus?
 - e. Why do you think that some followers of Jesus turn away when they hear "hard teaching"?

4. Read Luke 14:25-30.
 - a. What's the difference between a decision for Jesus and a commitment to follow Jesus?
 - b. What is the cost of following Jesus?
 - c. How have you "paid" for following Jesus?



5. Read John 3:22-30.
 - a. What were John's disciples concerned about?
 - b. Why wasn't John concerned?
 - c. What does it look like in your life to make Jesus greater and you become less?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- FAN = An enthusiastic admirer
- Are you just a fan of Jesus or are you a real follower of Jesus?
- FOLLOWER = A devoted disciple
- Jesus wants your commitment not your decision.
- Have You Made a Decision for Jesus or Have You Committed to Jesus?
- "Following Jesus means following him alone. Fans don't want to put Jesus on the throne of their hearts. Instead they keep a couch on their hearts and, at the most, give Jesus a cushion. He's asked to share the space. But Jesus makes it clear to this crowd he's not interested in sharing your heart." - Kyle Idleman (Not a Fan)