"The Hard Path of Discipleship"

~ John 6:47-53, 60-69

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1. They come **seeking satisfaction**.

So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus...Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

—John 6:25–26 (ESV)

2. They leave <u>refusing</u> to <u>accept</u> what is being offered.

Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ... On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

— John 6:57–58, 60 (NIV)

3. This raises the question, "Should I <u>stay</u> or should I <u>go</u>?"

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?"

— John 6:66–67 (ESV)