



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **John 6:60-71 Study Hints for Discussion**

#### **[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#)**

are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

#### **1. What are some things we can do when we find it difficult to understand some teachings in the Bible?**

We can pray for God to help us understand by showing us more teachings in the Bible with the help of the Holy Spirit. We can ask other Christians for help in understanding, perhaps a Sunday school teacher or pastor. We can remember some of the Bible’s teachings that we know to be true and see if they help us understand the difficult teaching. We can wait for further study, experience, or time to make the teachings clear to us.

**2. When Jesus talked about His ascending to where He was before, why do you think He did not at the same time tell His listeners all about how and where He descended?**

They would not have been able to believe Him or understand Him, since they could not understand the truths that He taught that were much less complex. People had to truly know Him before they could believe all that they later learned about Him.

**3. What are Jesus' spoken words?**

Jesus' spoken words are spirit and life, whether we believe in Him and believe His words or not. They are truly spirit and life to those who believe.

**4. What did Jesus know about those who heard Him speak?**

Among those in the crowd and His disciples, Jesus knew those who would believe Him, those who would not believe Him, and the one who would betray Him.

**5. Why do you think Jesus asked His disciples, "Do you also wish to go away?"**

He asked this to test them; to enable them to test themselves or examine their reasons for following Jesus and discover together the depth of their commitment and intentions toward Him, for He knew their hearts.

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