

John 6:41-71

Jesus' identity – He came down from heaven v41-51

1. What does Jesus claim about himself in these verses? How would you put it in your own words? How far do the Jewish leaders get in responding to his claim, v42?
2. The Jewish leaders find his claims hard to stomach, but what does their grumbling show about:
A) their relationship to the Father, v44?
B) their real grasp of the Scriptures, v45-46?
3. So, from what Jesus says here, how do we know if we are listening to God? What do we gain if we do this? Why does it matter?

Jesus' mission – his flesh for the life of the world, v51c – 59

4. The Jewish leaders are offended by what Jesus says about his death at the end of v51, but why is a right response to it so important?
5. What do you think Jesus means when he uses these metaphors? (You might find it helpful to compare v40 and v54 if you are stuck.)
6. So how does someone gain eternal life, according to this section?

Two responses, v60-71

7. What are the two responses to Jesus outlined here? Why do the people respond the way they do?

Thinking it through

Why is Jesus' teaching about his identity and mission so hard to take for many today?

Can you think of ways in which we might grumble or drift away from a trust in Jesus's death for eternal life?

How can we learn from Peter's response here?