

# **PETER'S COMMITMENT**

## **AMID QUITTERS**

### **John 6:66-69**

**We need to stick with Christ even when being a Christ-follower is not popular**

#### **I. CROWDS QUIT** (66)

##### **A. THEIR DISILLUSIONMENT**

*- As a result of this ...*

1. Christ's Requirement (35-58)
  - a. Faith: "Believe in Me ..." (35-47)
  - b. Action: "Eat My flesh" (48-58)
2. Their Reactions
  - a. Grumbling about Christ's origin (41-42)
  - b. Arguing about eating Christ's flesh (52)
  - c. Whining about Christ's teaching (60)

##### **B. THEIR DISTANCE**

*- Many of His disciples withdrew*

1. They were fickle and insincere followers
  - Attracted to His popularity and provisions
2. They moved away from Jesus
  - a. Since He refused to be their king (15)
  - b. Since He rejected their demand for more food (26-34)
  - c. Since He's not giving them easy lessons (60)
3. They wanted what Jesus wouldn't give and rejected what Jesus offered

##### **C. THEIR DEFECTION**

*- And were not walking with Him anymore*

1. Decisive: Their decision was permanent
2. Disassociation: They purposely avoided being where He was

#### **II. CHRIST QUESTIONS** (67)

##### **A. THE QUERY**

1. "You do not want to go away also, do you?"
2. He expects a negative answer but asks it to make them think

## B. THE DISCOVERY

1. Are you sure?
2. Will you stay?

## C. THE OPPORTUNITY

1. Here's your chance to speak up or step out
2. Has the decision of many affected your devotion?
3. Will you be faithful or fickle? > State your position ... declare your discipleship!

## III. PETER COMMITS (68-69)

### A. THE REALITY

- *To whom shall we go?*

1. What are the alternatives?
2. Who would be better?
3. Who else can satisfy a yearning heart?
4. To whom does one turn when leaving the best?
5. App: This is a good question for us to ask ourselves

### B. THE RECORD

- *You have the words of eternal life*

1. Christ's Possession: He has life-giving words
2. Peter's Perception: I believe that I can live forever with You (58)
3. App: What do you believe about Jesus' words?

### C. THE RECOGNITION

1. Acceptance: We have believed
2. Assurance: We have come to know
3. Acknowledgement: *You are the holy One of God*
  - a. You are the separated One
  - b. You are the sacred One
  - c. You are the sent One

## CONCLUSION:

**The day after Peter's courage test (Matt. 14:22-33) came a commitment test (John 6:66-69)**

- Peter's faith wavered amid his walk on water
- But it stood strong when many were walking away from Jesus

**How is our commitment? > May God help us stay devoted when others are deserting!**

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