

LESSON 6

GOING FOR THE WRONG REASONS

JOHN 6:1–71



1 What are some right and wrong reasons for going to church?

2 Why do people give up on religion or stop attending church?



Read John 6:1–71 and the following notes:

☐ 6:5–7 ☐ 6:13 ☐ 6:26 ☐ 6:28, 29 ☐ 6:41 ☐ 6:66 ☐ 6:67, 68 ☐ 6:70

3 At this time in Jesus' ministry, why were people following him?

4 What two sayings of Jesus troubled the Jews?

5 Why did many of Jesus' disciples desert him (6:66)? What was so shocking about Jesus' statement in 6:65?

6 How has God tested your faith?



7 When has God provided for your needs in a dramatic or miraculous way? How did that affect your faith?

8 What is it about Jesus that people find difficult to understand or believe today?

Often people followed Jesus for the wrong reasons (e.g., to see a show, to get food, to be healed, etc.). Like the people in John 6, sometimes we also come to him only for what we can get. Jesus asks us to come believing in him, with no strings attached. Many of the people had only defensive responses to Jesus' statements. When God's Word steps on our toes, our best response is humble repentance, not a proud defense. Seeking God with a whole heart, a pure heart, is what pleases him most.



9 What strings do you find easy to attach to your faith in Christ?

10 In what ways do you follow Christ for what he can do for you rather than for what you can do for him?

11 How can you begin to follow him more wholeheartedly?



12 Complete this statement and make it your prayer: "Lord, I will trust in you and follow you, even if I don't get _____."

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A What evidence for Jesus' deity does John appeal to in these verses?

B How did Jesus test Philip? Did Philip pass or fail?

C What part did the disciples play in feeding the five thousand? Who else played a part in this miracle? Why do you think Jesus involved other people in this miracle?

D What did the people think about Jesus after he fed the five thousand? What did the disciples think about Jesus after seeing him in action?

E What do you have to offer Jesus that he can use to make a miracle?

F What needs in your life has God met for which you can be thankful?

