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Topic: Will ye also go away?

Scripture Text: John 6:60-71

1. Almost every year we see people leaving the church for the world. The Apostle Paul wrote of Demas who has forsaken him having loved this present world. In the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ on earth, we are told in John chapter 6 of many who left Him after following Him for awhile.
2. In John 6, the Lord Jesus had performed the great miracle of feeding the 5000. The next day He preached a great sermon to tell the people that He came from Heaven and He is the Bread of Life. In verse 60-71, we see the reaction of the people to the words of Jesus Christ. They have no problem accepting Him seeing His miracles and provision for them.
3. The first group which is the majority said that Jesus' words were hard in the sense that they found it objectionable and offensive. They would not want to receive His words. This is the first characteristics of false disciples in that they can accept the Person of Jesus but will reject His words. A true disciple is one who will continue in Christ's words (John 8:31).
4. Another characteristics of false disciples is that they will eventually leave the Lord Jesus Christ. Judas Iscariot was singled out by Jesus as one such person. He can walk with Jesus for 3½ years but eventually was a follower of Satan by betraying the Lord Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.
5. The true disciples are those who will respond to Jesus like Peter when Jesus asked the question "Will ye also go away?" His answer was "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. We believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God". A true believer is one who has true faith and will remain faithful to the Lord Jesus all the days of his life.