Here For It Un-Follow

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When we go through times of transition or temptation or trouble, it can be easy to want to "un-follow" Jesus. It's in times like these that we have to count the cost.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- For followers of Jesus, there will be times when you'll be tempted to un-follow him.
- Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. I John 6, vv.54-55
- On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" |
 John 6, v.60
- From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. I John 6, v.66
- "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. | John 6, v.67
- We're most tempted to un-follow during times of transition, times of temptation, and times
 of trouble.
- Sometimes what we doubt isn't just the existence of God, but the goodness or faithfulness of God. We doubt if God can be trusted.
- Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? I John 6, v.68
- If we say "no" to Jesus, we say "yes" to something else. Who or what else would you follow?
- "...You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." | John 6, v.68-69
- Following Jesus will cost you something. Refusing to follow Jesus could cost you everything.
- If you believe that Jesus is the source of life, you can trust that he will do that—bring you life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Which of the "three T's" have presented the most challenges to your faith—times of transition, times of temptation, or times of trouble?
- 2. We all follow somebody—if not Jesus, it's something else. At different points in your life, who or what else have you followed other than Jesus? What came as a result of that?
- 3. What parts of following Jesus or faith do you find bring you life, and in what ways?
- 4. What reminders are helpful to you in times of transition, temptation, or trouble to continue to trust that the way of Jesus brings life?