

**A HEART LIKE JESUS (June 18, 2017)**  
**Staying True in Times of Difficulty**  
**(John 6:60-7:9)**  
**Small Group Study Notes**

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Getting to know you: Sunday (June 18) Father's Day.

- Tell us something fun or funny about your dad.
- What is a memorable lesson about your dad.
- What word of encouragement or advice would you give to father's today?

❖ **Background:**

- What Jewish festival takes place in John 6? John 7?
- What is the time gap between these two festivals/chapters?
- Jesus spent two days ministering to the multitude and seven months with His 12 disciples. What does this tell you?

**1) You gotta hang tough: Read John 6:60-70**

- Catch us up...what did Jesus just declare and how did it go over?
  - a) Some things are hard to swallow/practice.**
    - o Why did these disciples have trouble believing what Jesus had said? (vs. 60)
    - o Read Hebrews 11:6 – what is required in order to please God?
    - o Read Luke 9:23 – what did Jesus say is required if we want to be a true disciple of Christ?
    - o What do you find most difficult about being a follower of Christ?
  - b) Some folks will walk away and quit.**
    - o What does the general term “disciple” mean?
    - o Did these disciples lose their salvation?
    - o Has it ever bothered you to see the way some “Christians” live? Explain.
    - o What helps you keep your eyes on Jesus?
    - o What is the difference between a wounded soldier and one who has gone AWOL (away without leave)?
    - o What might 1 John 2:19 explain?
  - c) Stick with the truth and press on.**
    - o How did Peter answer Christ when Jesus asked if they were going to leave Him as well?
    - o What question does Peter ask? Do you think this is life's most important question? Why?

**2) You gotta handle life's disappointments. (Read 7:1-9)**

- What was the Feast of Tabernacles/Shelter (Leviticus 23:33-44)
- How would this have impacted the town of Jerusalem?
- Does your family enjoy camping out in tents?
  - a) Jesus is opposed by the religious leaders (vs. 1) what were they planning?**
    - o Have you ever faced opposition from some leader? Explain?
    - o Do you think Jesus stayed away because He was scared?
  - b) Jesus is questioned by His half-brothers. Can you name them (Matthew 13:55)?**
    - o What advice were they giving Jesus?
    - o Has your family ever questioned a choice or decision you made? Explain.
    - o How important is family support? What might you do to show support to someone in your family?
    - o These half-brothers would later believe Jesus was who He claimed to be. Why, or what convinced them?
  - c) Jesus operates according to God's time table.**
    - o How do you know what and when to follow through on something you feel God would have you do?
    - o We are not to look for this world's approval. Why?

**CLOSE:**

- Are you facing any difficulties right now? If you are open discuss this with your group and have prayer over it.
- Where are in regards to your walk with Christ right now:

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I quit                      Struggling                      Making a comeback                      All In

- How do you overcome life's disappointments?