“Will Ye Also Go Away?”
John 6:66-68

Introduction:
A. Did you ever think what it must have been like to be in the personal presence of Jesus?
B. The personal presence did not guarantee disciple loyalty.
   1. How disappointing Jesus must have been!
   2. Not a “few”, but “many” turned back..
C. Why would one turn back from following Jesus?
D. Some reasons why disciples turn away from Jesus and his church.

Discussion:
I. Disappointment
A. Because of following for the wrong reasons (John 6:26-27).
   1. Some come looking for a meal ticket, house rent, or clothes closet.
   2. Some come looking for a quick fix to all their earthly problems (cf. Lk. 12:13, 14).
   3. Some come looking for “special needs” programs for youth, seniors, singles, etc.
   1. Some have come expecting a near perfect membership.
   2. Some have come expecting entertainment and “excitement” in worship.
   3. Some have come expecting to be accepted “as they are” and “where they are.”

II. Pressure
A. To avoid persecution (2 Tim. 3:12; Heb.11:35)
   1. So, we avoid taking firm stands.
   2. So, we appease the persecutors.
B. To conform to the world (1 Pet. 4:3, 4)
   1. Easier to go with trends, fads, styles, etc.
   2. Non-conformity is not difference or difference sake.
   1. Love relieves the pressure.
   2. Humility relieves pressure

III. Drifting
A. By inattention to fundamental Bible teaching (Heb. 2:1-4)
   1. Need to review the fundamentals often.
   2. Need to remind selves of what makes us distinctive.
B. By losing our focus in life (Col. 3:2; Heb. 12:1,2)
   1. Like a ships captain whose attention is distracted.
   2. Often let materialism, pleasure, etc. distract us.
C. By failing to secure our anchor (Heb. 6:19-20; 1 Pet. 3:15)
   1. Losing sight of our hope
   2. Turning to false hope.

IV. Deception
A. By others (Eph. 5:6; Matt. 24:11)
   1. Allured by novelty and glitter.
   2. Allured by personality and promises.
B. By ourselves (Jas. 1:21, 26)
   1. Resist tendency to believe what we want to believe.
   2. Resist the advice “listen to your heart.”

Conclusion:
A. Peter’s answer is still good (v. 68)
B. Will you come to Jesus for eternal life?