

"A Challenging Jesus" Small Group Questions Week of January 13, 2019

Icebreaker:

Do you think it would be easier or more difficult to believe in Jesus if you had been one of his disciples, or if you were there in the synagogue in Capernaum?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Reread John 6:48-71. How might Jesus have made it easier for his disciples to understand what he was teaching? Do you think that would have helped them?
- 2. Review why we know that the protest to Jesus' teaching wasn't that they didn't understand but rather they didn't accept what he was teaching.
- 3. What are Biblical truths you find hard to understand?

What ought we do with these, and have you done so?

4. What are Biblical truths you find hard to accept?

How easy or difficult is it for you to trust Jesus with these?

5. Although this was not part of Sunday's message, we are directed in how to deal with both the issue of hard truths and with people who may find them hard to accept. Check out these passages: 1 Corinthians 14:13; Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Peter 3:15-16.

How do these passages address our approach/demeanor toward people who struggle with hard truths to understand, and with hard truths to accept?