

## Words which divide - John 6:52-71

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### **Introduction**

“The message of the cross is f\_\_\_\_\_ to those who are perishing, but to us who are being s\_\_\_\_\_ it is the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:18).

John 6: Seeing those words lived out in the earthly ministry of J\_\_\_\_.  
Two responses – verse 66 (and 70-71); verses 67-69.

### **The offence of Jesus Christ (verses 52-62, 66, 70-71)**

verse 66 – These d\_\_\_\_\_ stop following Jesus. Some reasons people stop....

The reason here – the h\_\_\_\_\_ teaching of Jesus.

Surface level – sounds like c\_\_\_\_\_ism

Deeper level – God's standard is p\_\_\_\_\_

Therefore we need to receive the bread of l\_\_\_\_\_, the bread of f\_\_\_\_\_.

Reasons why people naturally hate that.....

Two applications:

> Don't be s\_\_\_\_\_

> Don't be c\_\_\_\_\_

### **The offer of Jesus Christ (verses 54-58, 63)**

What Jesus offers:

> verse 53 - Having l\_\_\_\_\_ in us

> verse 54 – Having e\_\_\_\_\_ life / being r\_\_\_\_\_ up on the final day

> verse 56 – U\_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus; R\_\_\_\_\_ in him

So – What does it mean to eat his flesh and drink his blood?

One common way of understanding – pointing us to c\_\_\_\_\_.

But – this would go against the rest of John's gospel!

What else could Jesus be talking about?

Verse 54 – see also verse 40 - “For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

Eating and drinking = looking to the Son and b\_\_\_\_\_

Why does Jesus make this comparison?

One of John's aims: to show us what b\_\_\_\_\_ looks like (John 20:30-31)

What this shows us about belief:

> Complete d\_\_\_\_\_

> Complete dependence on his d\_\_\_\_\_ for us

> D\_\_\_\_\_ dependence

### **The life-giving words of Jesus Christ (verses 63-69)**

What causes the division? Jesus's w\_\_\_\_\_ (verse 63)

As we seek to spread a passion for Jesus Christ: That will happen as the word of God s\_\_\_\_\_

Demonstration of the p\_\_\_\_\_ of God – verse 68

### **To think about / discuss**

> In what ways is our culture rejecting the “hard teaching of Jesus” at the moment?

> “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me.”

Reflect on these words. What will “eating Jesus's flesh and drinking his blood” look like in your life of faith this week?

> How can the reality of v68-69 sustain us through the ups and downs of life?