

JESUS BRINGS CHANGE

JOHN 6:60-70 – ERIC SIMPSON - NOVEMBER 18, 2018

> Listening – who holds the voice of authority & instruction

disciple = learning to live as Jesus taught and modeled

- Who draws your moral boundaries? (what's in-bounds & what's not)
- Who guides how you'll spend your time? (what gets the "best" you)
- Who prioritizes where your money goes? (what's important and what's not)
- Who sets your basic life principles? (why you live the way you do)

Jesus doesn't expect us to "take notes"; He expects us to listen, internalize and live accordingly.

> Sifting – who's all-in, even when it's hard

It's not easy to be a Christian, but it's very easy to start.

"Christians tramp well-worn paths: obedience has a history. This history is important for without it we are at the mercy of whims. Memory is a data bank we use to evaluate our position and make decisions. With a biblical memory we have 2000 years of experience from which to make the off-the-cuff responses that are required each day in the life of faith. If we are going to live adequately and maturely as the people of God, we need more data to work from than our own experience can give us...A Christian who has David in his bones, Jeremiah in his bloodstream, Paul in his fingertips, and Christ in his heart will know how much or how little value to put on his own momentary feelings and the experience of the past week."

– Eugene Peterson

> Confirming – who's leading and who's following

Discipleship involves relinquishment.



"Without God we cannot, without us He will not." -- Augustine

Grace and effort are not opposites, grace and EARNING are opposites.

Working for your salvation is impossible. Working out your salvation is basic bible.