

Dig In

1. Read John 6:60-69. Do you ever have a hard time listening to the truth preached? Do you ever grumble about it? What do you think Jesus felt when some of his disciple turned their back on him?
2. Why is enduring commitment so vital to relationships with church leaders? Why does a messenger who speaks God's truth risk losing relationships with those who once loved him? Have you made an enduring commitment to the vision, values, and leadership of your church?
3. 1Thess. 5:17-22. What is the responsibility of a congregation to elders and pastors? What have you done recently to fulfill this responsibility? What could you do this week to fulfill this responsibility?
4. Read Exodus 33:12-15. What is the single most important thing in the church? List the evidence you see of God's manifest presence at Harvest Bible Chapel. Have you been so focused on other things that you have missed it or taken it for granted?

Break Out

1. How could you apply this statement: *"I'm not willing to make you feel worse about _____ in order for you to feel better about the decision."*? How would that statement prevent gossip and slander in the church? Have you been guilty of "throwing someone under the bus" in order to share information with curious people?
2. How could you apply this statement: *"I believe you believe that, but I don't believe that's accurate."*? How would this statement help you uphold truth and build someone's life this week?

Supplemental Scripture

1Peter 5:1-5