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Group Study, Week Four
Taking Jesus In

CATCHING UP

Welcome any new members. Go around the group and answer the question, *how has your week been going?* And *what did you take away from the last lesson, and how has it made a difference in your life this week?*

DIVING IN

Look back at John 6:53-60 and read it with the group. Here's a quick review of a few major points from the message to share with the group...

Did the people listening take Jesus literally? Possibly. But it's more likely that they understood that He meant *you need to be even more personal with me* and it was **too much** for them to consider. It was too "hard" not in the sense of hard to understand, but too hard to do.

So what did Jesus mean by challenging people to eat His flesh and drink His blood?

He meant that it wasn't about embracing a religion, rituals, or more rules. None of those had fulfilled them. Instead, it was about embracing **Him** in a personal way. He meant that there needed to be complete oneness and intimacy between Himself and us.

Talk It Over

1. Why do you think that some of the disciples thought it was "too hard" to be up close and personal with Jesus to the degree He wanted them to?
2. How does Jesus "fulfill" us in a way that nothing and no one else can? How do we sometimes try to fill His void with other pursuits?
3. In verse 57, Jesus said that "those who feed on me will live because of me." He obviously didn't mean physical life but eternal life, which is a present possession of every child of God. In other words, it's a whole new **quality** of life. How does Jesus cause us to truly **thrive**?
4. What should others be able to notice about us if we are really **living** because of Jesus?
5. Is there anything keeping you from being completely personally connected to Jesus?

SERVING TOGETHER

Talk about how your group might be able to serve together, within the church or within the community once or twice during this study.

STAYING ON MISSION

It's very important for every group to remember our big mission of reaching people who are far from God and bringing them closer to knowing Jesus. **Who do you know that you could invite to the group?**

PRAISE AND PRAYER

What prayer requests are there within the group? What is there to praise God and be thankful for? Are there any stories of how God has been at work in someone's life? One person can lead in prayer or multiple people can lead, but no one should feel pressured to do so.