“You are the Holy One of God”

Intro: The sixth chapter of John’s gospel has introduced us to four groups of people.

1. First there were the ______________ ... they ____________ from the picture.
2. Secondly, came the religious ______________ ... they ______________ Him.
3. Thirdly then, came those who were identified as His ______________ ... they were ________ walking ________ ________ anymore.”
4. Fourthly, there were the twelve ... except for one, they ______________ and confessed that Jesus is the ________ ________ of God.

I. “Jesus said therefore to the twelve, " ________ do not want to ___ ________ also, do you?"

A. Throughout the Scripture the true people of God are spoken of as a _____________.
   The Apostle Paul wrote saying, Rom 9:27, “And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved ...” And, later in 11:5 he wrote, “In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time __ ____________ according to God's gracious choice.”
   1. Many will follow Jesus for a while (for various flawed reasons). But not being true followers, they will fall away while only a few ________ believers (a remnant) will _____________. (Cf. Matt. 13:1-23)

B. In the original Greek this question expects a negative answer. In asking “You do not want to go away also, do you?” the ________ expected and in fact, knew that the disciples would answer, “No, we do not want to go away!” He ________ how they would answer for verse 64 says, “Jesus knew from the beginning ________ they were who did not ____________ ...”
   1. Jesus asked this question for the disciple’s _________. As James wrote, 1:2-4, “Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” ____________ must come to test our faith - as in fire - to purify us and ________ so when the winds of adversity blow against us we are able to stand and withstand!
   2. The Lord will have ___ ____________ followers. Unwilling followers are not true disciples, and He will not have them for such do not belong to Him! He does not fear that any of His will be lost, and so when the many turn back He looks in confidence to ________ ________ and asks, “You will not go away also, will you?” And, our answer to this question will show us to be just exactly who ____________ us to be.

II. “Simon Peter answered Him, ‘_______, to whom shall we go? You have words of ____________ ________.’”

A. ____________ told the false disciples that the ____________ He spoke were spirit and life, but they would not receive them as such for they did not believe. But here, Peter confesses that Jesus has the “words of eternal ________!”
B. It is this that separates false followers from true disciples: belief in 

Believe in My word! John 8:31-32, “Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you ______ in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you shall ______ the truth, and the ________ shall make you free."

III. Speaking for the others, Peter said, “We have ________ and have come to know that ______ _____ the Holy One of ________.”

A. “We have believed and have come to know ...” This is the divine order of spiritual understanding: 1) as God grants us faith to _________, 2) we come to ______.

1. It is impossible to _________ the words of spirit and life without belief. Many of His disciples left Him because they did not believe, and because they did not believe they would not accept the Lord’s words as spirit and life. Heb 11:1 says, “Now _________ is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things _______.” And in explanation verse 3 begins with these words: “By faith we understand ...”

B. These believed and knew _________ to be “the ________ ________ of God!”

1. When Peter affirmed this same truth saying, Matt. 16:16, "Thou art the _________, the Son of the living ________." Verse 17, “... Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not _________ this to you, but My _________ who is in heaven.”

2. We must look to God for such _________ for it is only by the grace _________ that anyone can truly believe and confess that Jesus is “the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

III. “Jesus answered them, ‘Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?’ 71 Now He meant Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to _________.”

A. Despite Peter’s confession, _______ of the twelve ________ believe. But, our Lord knew this for He Himself choose each one of them, and knowing what is in the heart of a man He knew who it was who would betray Him. He announced that one of them was “a devil” (a deceiver, a liar, a false accuser) who did not ______ ________.

Closing: Upon considering the multitudes, the religious doubters, the false disciples, and the true disciples, we must ______ ________ which group we fall into, for most assuredly we fall into one of these groups.

There is but ______ right ________ to follow Christ Jesus - not because He feeds us; not because He says the things we want to hear; not because He makes us comfortable, but because _____ ___ the ________ One of God!

A. “You will not go away also, will you?” Jesus said, "If you _______ in My word, then you are ________ disciples of _________.” (John 8:31).

May it be that Peter is our spokesman also. May it be that our hearts agree with him saying, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. We have _________ and have come to know that You are the Holy One of ________.”