

Morning Lesson

THREE STAGES OF A RELATIONSHIP

John 6:60-69

INTRO:

1. John 6 can help in our relationships.
Vs. 14, 15, 26, 27, 33, 35, 38, 41, 42, 60, 66.
2. **Vs. 67-69.** Those that stayed accepted the truth of the situation.
3. This development of relationships is powerful and we need to understand it.

I. THREE STAGES IN A RELATIONSHIP.

- A. Honeymoon - Everything is great!
- B. Disappointment - This relationship is not perfect!
- C. Reality - It is not perfect, but its good and it can work!

II. THIS PRINCIPLE APPLIED TO FAMILIAR RELATIONSHIPS.

- A. Marriage.
 1. You are exposed to the less than perfect side of your spouse.
 2. Many marriages never get past this stage.
- B. Parent - Child.
- C. New Converts.
- D. Preacher - Congregation.

III. WHAT CAN WE DO TO IMPROVE?

- A. We need to understand this biblical principle.
- B. Realize that building good relationships requires hard work. **Luke 9:23**
- C. Evaluate the probable compatibility of the relationship.
Luke 14:25-33
- D. When leaving a relationship ask, "Am I running away or going somewhere?"

CONC:

1. Let's all study the "John 6 Principle" and work hard at improving our relationships.
2. Responding to the invitation may be a good place to start making things better with God and man.