

No Neutrality

John 6:60-71

Jesus says hard things.

Responding to Jesus

John 6:60-71; Isaiah 53:6

Truths that we need to apply

The hardness of God is kinder than the softness of men. And his compulsion is our liberation. God is His divine mercy, reaches down to draw people to Himself. — C.S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy*

Considerations for the week

In what ways does Jesus' teaching still confront our assumptions, desires, and cultural expectations today?

Jesus says that no one can come to Him unless it is enabled by the Father (v.65). How does this shape our view of grace?

How does the presence of Judas among the twelve challenge simplistic ideas about proximity to Jesus equaling genuine faith?

Consider what practices can help us live more by the Spirit than by the flesh.

How does Peter's confession (v.68) shape our response to times of doubt or discouragement?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." — John 6:68-69, NIV

Scripture read today
during worship:

John 6:60–71

1 Chronicles 29:14

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Today's order of service

Prelude, *Down to the River to Pray*

Missions awareness

Call to worship

Hymn, *Blessed Be the Name*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *You Never Let Go*

Hymn, *By Faith*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Special music, *He Will Hold Me Fast*

Message

Hymn of response 409

I Know Whom I Have Believed

Benediction

Postlude, *Glorify Thy Name*

Weekly events

Today after the service, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers.

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
Resumes August 18

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: beef taco salad, fruit, cheesecake, ice cream

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the parlor

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Orientation August 19. Resumes August 26.

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm

Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am

Meets this week, August 22

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

Prayer walk Saturday, August 22, 4-5 pm,
at Rice University. Contact office for details.

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Our website is at
<https://rtbc.faith>

**Wednesday night
supper returns!**

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online giving



The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Templegram Our weekly newsletter is provided to us by email, usually on Tuesday. If you'd like to receive it, please email us at office@rtbchurch.org.

Church Conference There will be a regular church conference held in person at the church on Sunday, August 23, 2025, at 12:45 pm. Contact the church office for information.

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.