SERIES: Gospel of John **Grumbling About Grace**

John 6:41-47

Grumbling: No Amount of Human Reasoning Can Bring Us to God (6:41-43)

- Just like the Israelites with Moses, the Jews grumble about Jesus. (41)
 - o Grumbling is growling at God.
 - It reveals a lack of **faith**.
 - It reveals a lack of **gratitude**.
 - It reveals a lack of contentment.
 - Grumbling is a whispered <u>rebellion</u> against God.
 - o Grumbling reveals **ignorance** about God.
- They cannot understand how Jesus came from Heaven, since they know his parents.
 - o They did not know Jesus' true origin.
 - o They did not know Jesus' true Father.
 - They did not know Jesus' true identity.
- The more resistant they are, the more explicit Jesus is about how impossible it is for them to come on their own. (43)

Grace: Only God Can Draw Us To God (6:44)

- What about John 12:32?
- Not a generic **attempt** to save everyone...
- But a specific **promise** to save all God's children. (John 11:52)
 - He will draw all his **sheep**. (John 10:15, 27)
 - He will draw all who are of the **truth**. (John 18:37)
 - He will draw all who are of **God**. (John 8:47)
 - He will draw all that the Father **gives** to Him. (John 6:37)

Graduation: God Draws His People By Teaching Them (6:45-47)

- Notice the **promise** of the New Covenant:
 - o One day God's truth will no longer be written on **stone** tablets.
 - o God will write the truth on human **hearts**. (Jer. 31:31-34)
- Notice the <u>professor</u> of the New Covenant:
 - Everyone God teaches will come to Him.
 - The Father teaches by revealing the Son.
 - The Spirit teaches by leading us in the truth. (1 John 2:19; John 14:26-27)
 - Jesus teaches because only he has seen the Father.
- Notice the **people** of the New Covenant:
 - o They will all **know** the Lord.
 - He will teach our minds by humbling our wills.
 - o They must **believe** to have eternal life.
 - Everyone **graduates** to a saving relationship with Jesus. There will be no dropouts.
 - All **glory** goes to God, not to us.

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