

## The Words of Eternal Life (7/28/24)

**Main Verses:** John 6:66-69

**Key Verse:** John 6:68

**'Takeaway':** God loved us enough to preserve "the words of eternal life" in Scripture, so that we might live in & with him forever.

**Getting Started:** What is something that is precious to you? How do you take care of it?

**READ** John 6:66-69 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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- The disciples still had much to learn & experience with Him. We have the Bible now to give us the fuller picture than Peter had when he said this.
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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank God for sending his Son, Jesus, to teach us & to lead us to him. Tho many things can discourage us when it comes to God's word, ask him to give you a deep desire to learn more about him & to listen to him thru the Bible.

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