

# MESSAGE STUDY NOTES: Feb 2, 2025

## I SHRUNK THE CHURCH | The Gospel According to John

### WARM UP

How many churches have you attended regularly in your lifetime? Briefly describe why you went somewhere else.

### READ

John 6:60-71

### KEY INSIGHTS

#### What to know:

1. Disagreement can make us dig in or get curious
2. Devotion to Jesus unites us
3. True followers are revealed in time

#### The Effects of the Shuffling Deck

1. Leadership discouragement, 2. Congregation discouragement, 3. Relationships reset at zero, 4. Sidelined ministry, 5. Church reputation, 6. Arrested development

#### What to do:

1. Consider carefully the cost of severing relationships
2. When disagreeing with other Christians, keep your common love for Jesus at the forefront
3. When disagreeing with Jesus, remember who has the words of life

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How has this past year's exodus at NAC affected you (if applicable)?
2. What do you think could help to stop "shuffling the deck"?

### APPLICATION

Which of the effects of shuffling the deck stood out to you? Why?

### FOR MENTORING

Talk about a time you had a major disagreement with someone. What did you try in order to work it out (if applicable)? What have you learned since then that could have helped?