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**To glorify God by making disciples who:**

**know God personally and worship Him sincerely;**

**apply Biblical truth to daily living;**

**generously share their life and resources with  
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60 When many of His disciples heard it, they said,

"This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?"

61 But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling about this, said to them,

***"Do you take offense at this?"***

62 ***Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?***

63 ***It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.***

64 ***But there are some of you who do not believe."***

(For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him.)



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*paristemi*

to put at God's disposal,  
to surrender

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*agathos*

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*euarestos*

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*telios*

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a finished work;  
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- Entrust yourself to His desires for you...
- Believe that there is no other place or person that has the essentials for eternal life...
- and therefore, He has the substance for today.



