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The Gospel of Mark "Following Jesus" Mark 6:32-56 Pastor Kirk Gambrell.

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we continue in the book of Mark seeing Jesus provide for the ministry. The crowds are continuing to follow Jesus seeking healing and understanding. Jesus, even though He is tired and trying to withdraw, has compassion on the crowds and provides for the ministry. He feeds the 5,000 men in a supernatural way, and then shows His authority over all things by walking to the disciples on the water. This week we will talk about how Jesus provides for the ministry for which He has called us.



Read Mark 6:32-56 (NET)

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to some remote place. ³³ But many saw them leaving and recognized them, and they hurried on foot from all the towns and arrived there ahead of them. ³⁴ As Jesus came ashore he saw the large crowd and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he taught them many things.

³⁵ When it was already late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is an isolated place and it is already very late. ³⁶ Send them away so that they can go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said, "Should we go and buy bread for two hundred silver coins and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

³⁹ Then he directed them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they reclined in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. He gave them to his disciples to serve the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and they picked up the broken pieces and fish that were left over, twelve baskets full. ⁴⁴ Now there were five thousand men who ate the bread.

⁴⁵ Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dispersed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After saying goodbye to them, he went to the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ He saw them straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. As the night was ending, he came to them walking on the sea, for he wanted to pass by them.

⁴⁹ When they saw him walking on the water they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them: "Have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ Then he went up with them into the boat, and the wind ceased. They were completely astonished, ⁵² because they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ After they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As they got out of the boat, people immediately recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵ They ran through that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever he was rumored to be. ⁵⁶ And wherever he would go—into villages, towns, or countryside—they would place the sick in the marketplaces, and would ask him if they could just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

8. Jesus tried to leave the crowds behind, but when they continued to come he taught them and fed them anyway. Why did He do this for them when He was originally trying to get away?

9. How were the disciples empowered by God to do ministry?

10. Why were the disciples scared when they saw Jesus walking on the water?

11. In verse 52, what does it mean when it says “they did not understand about the loaves”?

12. What does it mean by “their hearts were hardened” in verse 52?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. What provisions has God provided for our church to do ministry?

14. What provisions has God provided you personally to do ministry?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES