

EQUIPPING DISCIPLES FOR KINGDOM GROWTH
Mark Series: Let the Gospel Tell the Gospel

ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH GOD'S PROVISION?

Jesus is to be your rest, your bread, your satisfaction...

Covenant Presbyterian Church

MARK 6:30-56

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Mark 6:30-32 Because you're called to work, you're called to rest...

31 And He said to them, **"Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while."**

Press and release, only to press again—work is good!

Mark 6:33-37 Jesus is your real Sabbath rest...

34 When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

37 But He answered them, **"You give them something to eat!"**

Rest doesn't always come when we want it; so Jesus himself must become our rest.

Mark 6:38-44 Deliverance comes in the dessert where Jesus becomes your food...

39 And He commanded them all to sit down by groups on the green grass.

42 They all ate and were satisfied,

This event is reported in all four renderings of the Gospel. Here is the largest crowd of the New Testament.

The Exodus is central to the O.T.

Exo 18:24ff. Jethro guides Moses to appoint leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens.

Exodus 16:1-4 Then they set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, ... ² The whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The sons of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the LORD'S hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction.

Numbers 11:12-13, 16-20

¹² "Was it I who conceived all this people? Was it I who brought them forth, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom as a nurse carries a nursing infant, to the land which You swore to their fathers'?

¹³ "Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me, saying, 'Give us meat that we may eat!'....

Isaiah: eating and not being satisfied will be a sign judgment on the people...

Mark 6:42 satisfied

Mark 8:19" when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you pick up?" They said to him, "Twelve."

Mark 6:45-52 Hard hearts make him hard to see...

45 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of *Him* to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away.

46 After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray.

50 for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, "**Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid.**"

52 for they had not gained any insight from the *incident of* the loaves, but their heart was hardened.

2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴² Now a man came from Baal-shalishah, and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And he said, "Give *them* to the people that they may eat."....⁴⁴ So he set *it* before them, and they ate and had *some* left over, according to the word of the LORD

Mark 6:15 prophet? Mark 8:28 Who do people say I am? ...one of the prophets
John 6:14 Surely this is the prophet who is to come...

Jesus is the greater than Moses who was to come, now gathering the new Israel.

Mark 6:53-56 Do you see his hand but not his face?

54 When they got out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him,

55 and ran about that whole country and began to carry here and there on their pallets those who were sick, to the place they heard He was.

Hosea 13 ⁴ Yet I *have been* the LORD your God Since the land of Egypt; And you were not to know any god except Me, For there is no savior besides Me. ⁵ I cared for you in the wilderness, In the land of drought. ⁶ As *they had* their pasture, they became satisfied, And being satisfied, their heart became proud; Therefore they forgot Me.

Mark 6:34 Like sheep without a shepherd...

Numbers 27:16-17 ¹⁶ "May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation, ¹⁷ who will go out and come in before them, and who will lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of the LORD will not be like sheep which have no shepherd."

Jeremiah 32:3-6 ³ "Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply....⁵ "Behold, *the* days are coming," declares the LORD, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch;....

Ezekiel 34:11-15

¹¹ ¶ For thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.

Jesus is teaching his disciples to be shepherds, to teach people to be satisfied only with the chief shepherd, the good shepherd... Spring – Passover -- *Psalm 23*

John 6:32-45

³² Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. ³³ "For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world." ³⁴ Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread." ³⁵ ¶ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. ³⁶ "But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. ³⁷ "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. ³⁸ "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."....