

Gospel of Mark: Following Jesus Christ

Complete Satisfaction (6:39-44)

Powerless Participants

Perfect Provision

Trusting Jesus with the Impossible

MARK 6:30-44

Overview

This familiar story gives us an important glimpse into what following Jesus looks like. Truly living the life that Jesus calls us to live is impossible to do on our own. But we are not on our own. When we are faced with overwhelming needs, Jesus invites us to look past what we can do in our own power and to trust him for help—because with Jesus, nothing is impossible.

Notes

Overwhelming Demands (6:30-34)

The Disciples Need Rest

The Crowd Needs a Shepherd

Impossible Task (6:35-38)

Unreasonable Command

Inadequate Resources

Personal Application

Reflection Questions

1. What aspects of life feel the most overwhelming to you right now?
2. How do you typically respond when the demands of life feel overwhelming? Can you think of any ways you are tempted to settle for your own “reasonable” solutions instead of trusting Jesus for help?
3. When is it hardest for you to respond to others with compassion?
4. How could Jesus’ pattern of seeing, caring, and acting help you to love? Which of these steps do you tend to miss or neglect?
5. In what area or relationship do you need to trust Jesus for the power to love, even when it is hard?