

The cost of compassion

Mark 6:30-44



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The Golden Rule

Do unto others before they do unto you

Do unto others as they do unto you

Do unto others as you'd have them do unto you

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

- Matthew 7:12



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1. ...before our Plans or Comforts

- The disciples ... just got back from missions trip
 - (6:7-13) ... (v.30) 'reported' to Jesus
- Jesus ... heard of death of John the Baptism
 - (6:14-29) ... Jesus was likely grieving
- Jesus say, 'let's take a short vacation' (a rest)
- (v.34) Jesus 'has compassion' on the crowds

Lesson: There are no boundaries to
God's mission



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- Some will see the disciple's exhaustion
- Some will see the foolishness of the people
- Just tired of 'fixing' someone else's problems

Lesson: "You feed them"



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3. ...before our Limitations or Inadequacies

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- John gives basket to Peter
- Peter ... 'ummmm ... 5 loaves and two fish'
- As Jesus fills baskets ... 'ooooh, here we go again'

"Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill." - John 6:26



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Lesson: God will provide the means to accomplish his mission



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- What's your 'compassion lesson' today?

God provides when our heart is focused on his mission (rescuing lost people)



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Topographical map of
Central Mountain Range and
Northern Galilee Region.



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