

Mark 6:15

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In Mark 6:15, Chuck Smith emphasizes Jesus' compassion and the call for Christians to fulfill the Great Commission amidst life's demands.

Scripture: Matthew 28:19

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Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the Great Commission, urging every Christian to actively share the Gospel in their personal world. He highlights Jesus' compassion for the weary disciples and the crowds, illustrating how Jesus always prioritizes the needs of others, even when we feel exhausted. The sermon reflects on the importance of recognizing Jesus as the compassionate shepherd who cares for His flock, seeking out those who are lost and providing for their needs. Smith encourages believers to embrace their role in spreading the good news while trusting in Jesus' constant presence and support.

Transcript

I. GREAT COMMISSION.

A. "Go ye."

1. Every Christian.

B. "Into all the world."

1. Christians personal world.

C. "And preach the Gospel."

1. "The good news of salvation."

D. "To every creature."

1. Individual work of every Christian.

E. "Lo I am with you always."

1. Throughout Christian.

II. THE POWER.

A. Acts 1:8.

MARK 6:30-34

"THE COMPASSIONATE SHEPHERD"

Intro: The disciples were weary and tired. They had just returned from their busy missions.

I. THE NEED FOR ESCAPE.

A. Jesus suggested they go to a deserted area across the lake.

1. At this point, the demands of the crowds were so great, not even time to eat.

2. He desired to give the disciples rest.

a. He is always looking after the needs of others.

b. He knows our frame that we are but dust.

C. He never requires more than we can give.

B. As they left in boat, people watched the direction they were sailing.

1. Capernaum is near the north end of the sea.

2. Only around six miles across at this point.

3. The air is clear, it is easy to see across the lake and watch where they are going.

II. THE WAITING CROWD.

A. A great number jogged around the north end of the lake to meet them as they landed.

1. As they passed through the cities, the crowd swelled

2. The crowd finally numbered about 5,000 men plus women and children.

B. It would have been easy to have been irritated.

1. If it said, "He saw the people, He was upset", I could understand that.

a. You are bone tired.

1. It's easy to get irritated when tired.

b. You are looking for privacy.

c. When you arrive at your favorite deserted fishing hole, here are 10,000 people.

d. It's easy to be irritated when your plans are upset.

III. LOOK AT THE ATTITUDE OF JESUS: "HE WAS MOVED WITH COMPASSION TOWARD THEM."

A. We so often assume wrongly the attitude of Jesus.

1. We think He responds as us.

2. Had I been one of the disciples weary and tired, looking forward to a few days to kick back:

a. I would have been upset.

b. "Oh no, what's wrong with them?"

3. When we fail, we think "He must be disgusted with me."

For I am disgusted with myself.

a. In reality as He watched your failure, His eyes filled with tears of compassion.

b. He said, "Oh My little lamb, how long is it going to take you to learn to walk?"

B. Our Lord has the heart of a true shepherd.

1. He knows that sheep without a shepherd are lost.

a. If one strays, it is easily lost. No instinctive homing ability.

- b. No defensive skills, an easy prey.
 - c. Lack of good judgment - need still water.
2. He is the good shepherd. His chief concern is the care and protection of His flock.
- a. He knows them all by name, and they know His voice.
 - b. If one becomes lost, He seeks it until He finds it.
 - c. If one strays and is injured, He will anoint the wound and carry it back safely.
 - d. If a lion should attack, He will hazard His life to rescue.
3. It's so good to be a sheep of His pasture.

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