

Reflection Questions: How did people view people during His earthly ministry? Do I view people the same way? How can I cultivate a practice of compassion toward others? Do I truly rely on Jesus to meet my every need?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



The Shepherd Feeds His Sheep

Sermon
Notes

March 26, 2023

1. Report and Rest (30-32)

2. Shepherdless Sheep (33-34)

3. Dinner Details (35-44)

A. The Problem

B. The Miracle

C. The Result

Quotes to Ponder

All God's giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on His being with them.

Hudson Taylor

God has resources that we know nothing about, so we can trust Him and be at peace even when we can't figure out how He will provide.

David Guzik

Jesus has compassion on the crowd and cares for the leaderless people of Israel by giving first an abundance of teaching, then an abundance of food.

Morna D. Hooker

The one whom Jesus called the greatest man born of woman (Matthew 11:11) is sacrificed to a cocktail wagger!

James E. Edwards

Nothing is more marked in George Muller, to the very day of his death, than this, that he so looked to God and leaned on God that he felt himself to be nothing, and God everything.

A. T. Pierson

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read this account in the following accounts, noting what you learn from each. Are there any contradictions? If so, how do you solve them?

Matthew 14:13-21 —

Mark 6:30-44 —

Luke 9:10-17 —

John 6:1-15 —

3. Why did the disciples need rest (*Mark 6:30-32*)?

Why didn't they get this rest (*Mark 6:33-34*)? What does this teach us?

How did Jesus react to the interruption of His rest?

4. Why is the *compassion* of Jesus important to each of us (*Mark 6:34*)?

5. What appears to be the disciples' default reaction to interruptions according to these verses? Why do you think it was this way?

Matthew 15:23 —

Mark 10:13 —

Mark 6:36 —

Luke 9:49-50 —

6. If these people were *like sheep without a shepherd* (*Mark 6:34*), what does this say about their religious leaders?

7. What do the following verses teach about the shepherd/sheep relationship?

Numbers 27:17-18 —

Isaiah 40:11 —

1 Kings 22:17 —

Ezekiel 34:5, 11-12 —

Psalms 23:1 —

Matthew 9:36 —

Psalms 78:72 —

John 10:1-18 —

8. Why does Jesus tell the disciples to *give them something to eat* (*Mark 6:37*)?

9. Why does Jesus use the five loaves and two fish for this miracle (*Mark 6:38*)? Couldn't Jesus have done the miracle without them? What's the lesson here?

10. Why does Jesus feed the crowd until *they all ... were satisfied* (*Mark 6:42*)? Why not just meet their minimum need?

11. How does Jesus tend the garden of His church today? How should we come to hear God's Word proclaimed?

12. What lessons should have the disciples learned through the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand? Did they learn them? See *Mark 6:47-52* and *8:14-21*.