

Fishing with the Disciples

- The work of ministry is _____ when God uses you in His supernatural work.

- The work of ministry is _____ when it interferes with selfish loves.

- The work of ministry is _____ when you faithfully obey Jesus.

- The work of ministry is _____ when you see others through the eyes of Jesus.

- The work of ministry is _____ when you trust Jesus and watch Him work.

- The work of ministry is _____ when you realize that Jesus is serving you as you serve others.

Personal observations from the message.

1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
2. What was something you didn't know or were reminded of?
3. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
4. What is a question you have?
5. What is an action step you will take?

Discussion questions from the message.

1. What are some of the best things you've learned and experienced from serving others in ministry? What have been some of the hardest things you've experienced in serving others in the ministry?
2. Read Mark 6:30-34. What had the disciples been doing and teaching, and what were the results? What does verse 31 teach us about the disciples work and about Jesus? How does this encourage you as you work to the point of exhaustion?

What do you suppose the disciples thought as they saw the crowds of people when they got to the shore? What would you have thought? How did Jesus see the situation? What was His response?

Read Mark 6:35-38. How does Jesus challenge the disciples thinking? How many ways did they think there were to feed the crowd? What do you suppose was going on in the minds of the disciples when they came back with 2 fish and 5 loaves?

3. Read Mark 6:39-44. As the disciples watched Jesus work and passed out the food, what do you suppose they were thinking?

What does this teach us about the identity of Jesus?

What is the significance of 12 baskets of bread and fish leftover?

What are some ways Jesus works in us as we serve others? What are some examples of how you have found ministry satisfying even when it is costly, exhausting, and demanding?