Seeing & Serving Like Jesus

Greg Kline · Mark 6:30–44

INTRODUCTION

- Sometimes it's critical to have one thing so clearly that you need it put in front of your face, and that's just the way it is.
- The truth is we have to confront tough issues sometimes. And we have to study through them and see what does God say about that.
- Although we can't do miracles, there's something Jesus puts right before our face. It is right here. And if I'm honest, if we're honest this morning, we are not very good at it.

1 Do We See and Serve Like Jesus?

Mark 6:30–44

- So it's not a surprise in verse 34 that when he sees this grouping, he has compassion and sees them as, notice this designation, sheep without a shepherd.
- I wonder this morning, do we see and do we serve like Jesus?
- But he also had compassion for them, and that led into even feeding them.
- This establishes Jesus is not some teacher, he is the teacher. He is not just some guy, he is God.

2 Do I See People in Need of the Savior?

2 Chronicles 33; Romans 6:23; 1 Timothy 3

- The truth we have to confront this morning is do I even see people in need of the Savior?
- Do I see people in need of the Savior, or do I see people who in my mind I have determined will never listen?
- If teaching isn't happening, we're either not seeing them, we don't care about them, or we're just doing nothing about it because of one of the two.
- I and we are not qualified to judge who is worthy.
- But we have to see people, which means looking. And I have to care for people, which means having compassion.

3 Do I See People in Need of Physical Aid?

Proverbs 22:9; Proverbs 28:27; 1 John 3

- Do I see, as Jesus did, people in need of physical aid?
- Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.
- If you have this world's goods and see your brother in need, the obligation out of love is to help him.
- Whoever gives to the poor will not want. But he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.
- Hiding our eyes. That means not looking on purpose.

4 Serve by Pleading the Widow's Cause

Isaiah 1:16–17; James 1; Matthew 5:16

- Cease to do evil, learn to do good, seek justice, correct oppression, and notice these last two. Bring justice to the fatherless and plead the widow's cause.
- This is not just helping somebody the one time you see them. This is proactively caring for and championing the rights of the voiceless.
- If I am going to serve like Jesus, I don't just help people, I plead their cause.
- It's acting on both of those actions. Look, care, and do. Plead the widow's cause.

5 Serve by Teaching the Unpopular

Acts 17:16–32

- Teaching the unpopular, both in terms of message and to the audience.
- Paul sees he cared. And you know what's about to happen, right? He's going to do something about it.
- The message of the resurrection was unpopular, but Paul taught it anyway.
- Whether you think someone won't listen or not, that's God's judgment to make.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **You can be forgiven, but let's make it right. Let's change, let's be better, let's look and serve like Jesus.**

MY NOTES