

BRINGING IT HOME

6. When you are exhausted from caring for people, what do you think Jesus would want to say to you?

7. One person writes, "Whenever Jesus is away from the disciples, they find themselves in distress." Exodus 33:14, God says to Moses, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." What is one area in your life right now where you need God's Presence and rest?

THE CHALLENGE OF CARING

But Jesus answered, "You give them something to eat." Mark 6:37

How to Care for People When You're Spent

1. RECOGNIZE your _____
Mark 6:37
2. RECOGNIZE Jesus wants you to be _____ with what you have
Mark 6:38-40
3. RECOGNIZE that Jesus can _____ your efforts
Mark 6:37-38
4. RECOGNIZE that you will find true _____ *with* Jesus
Mark 6:43
Psalm 23

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of March 1, 2009

Mark 6:14-7:37

QUICK REVIEW - Looking back over your sermon notes, what most challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Assume you have a whole day free to rest and relax. How would you spend it?
2. Have you ever experienced God's compassion in the midst of a difficult situation? If so, what was it like?

INTO THE BIBLE

3. Right after Jesus fed the 5,000, he made his disciples get on a boat and go ahead of him. **Read Mark 6:45-56.** In verse 48, it says that the disciples were rowing against the wind sometime between 3:00-6:00am. Given the day they were having, what might you be thinking or feeling if you were one of the disciples?

Have you ever had similar thoughts or feelings? If so, what provoked them?

4. In this part of Mark, there are several similarities to when God led Moses and the Israelites. Write down the connections you notice in the passages listed below:

Mark 6:31-32,35 and Deuteronomy 8:2-3

Note: In Mark, "quiet place," "solitary place," and "remote place" are all the word "desert" in the original language.

Mark 6:37 and Numbers 11:13-14

Mark 6:50 and Exodus 3:13-14

Note: In Mark, "It is I" is literally "I am."

Mark 6:48 and Exodus 33:14-23

5. In verses 51-52, it says the disciples "were amazed" and that "their hearts were hardened." Given the parallels above, what do you think Jesus wanted them to understand about him, even though they didn't?