

Growing through Serving

Mark 6:6b-13

- I. We have Christ's **authority** for ministry (Mark 6:6b, 7).
 - A. Christ serving with the disciples before sending them: We must train people to do what we do in ministry (6:1, 6b).
 - B. God's call: God has selected and enabled us for certain ministries (6:7a; 1 Peter 4:10-11).
 - C. Team ministry: Ministry is not a one-man show; teamwork is needed, not independence (6:7b; Acts 11:25-26).
 - D. Christ's authority: Ministry is not dependent upon our gifts, wisdom or authority; it depends upon God (6:7c).
- II. We must become **dependent** on God in ministry (Mark 6:8-10).
 - A. Finances – Learning to trust God in ministry (6:8-9)
 - B. Hospitality – Learning to depend on other people in ministry (6:10)
- III. We must trust God with the **results** of ministry (Mark 6:11-13).
 - A. Some will reject us and God: There is a point at which we are not responsible for the response of others to God (6:11; 2 Corinthians 2:15-16).
 - B. Some will respond to us and God: Christ will give His sovereignly chosen effectiveness to our ministry when we trust and obey (6:12-13).