

Time Tensions of Serving God

Mark 6:30-34

- I. We need to Share: We need time to share with others the results of serving (Mark 6:30).
 - A. We need to share what God has done through us and hear what God has done through others.
 - B. Encouragement in ministry comes from praising God for what He has done in people's lives.
- II. We need to Rest: We need time to rest from service (Mark 6:31).
 - A. Jesus recognizes the pressures of people and the hectic busyness of the serving we do (6:31a).
 - B. Jesus calls His followers away to rest and to be refreshed from people pressures (6:31b).

Three Causes of "Serving Burnout"

1. Our view of **Others** – We depend upon the approval of others = PRIDE
2. Our view of **Self** – We have perfectionist expectations of ourselves = PRIDE
3. Our view of **God** – We are guilt-driven instead of grace-driven = PRIDE

- III. We must be willing to Give up Rest: Our compassion for people must sometimes overrule our need for rest (Mark 6:32-24).

➤ Jesus served in spite of His fatigue because He had compassion.

Busyness and the Boundary Dilemma

1. Sometimes we must stop and rest from serving.
2. Sometimes we must sacrifice rest because of godly compassion for people.
3. We need discernment from God to know if we are serving too much or too little.
4. We must identify and evaluate our motives for serving.
5. We can't judge the motives or service of others.