

Shepherds for Sheep

Mark 6:30-44

Review:

1. Christian leaders must be humble, because our resources are limited and our tasks are beyond our abilities to accomplish
2. Our helplessness must lead us to a radical trust in Christ to accomplish His work in us and in others
3. Our needs must drive us back to Christ, and then forward to share His blessings with others

Reflect:

1. In what aspects of your life have you been called to lead? How effective do you think your leadership has been? How can you lead others in a more Christlike way?
2. In what ways do you need to follow the teaching and example of your deacons and elders more consistently? Ask God for the grace to follow them as they follow Christ.

Go Further: Read I Peter 5:1-7

1. How does Peter describe himself in verse 1? What does he have in common with his readers, and what sets him apart from them?
2. What does Peter want the elders to do in verse 2? What are the reasons they should do these things?
3. Peter gives a negative and a positive example of Christian leadership in verse 3. How should Christians lead, and how should they not lead?
4. What does Peter promise the elders in verse 4?
5. What does Peter counsel young men to do in verse 5?
6. What attitude does Peter encourage all of us to have in verse 6?
7. For what two reasons does Peter say we should humble ourselves before God in verses 6 and 7?

Summary and Application:

1. What sorts of problems are best handled by a whole congregation? Which might best be entrusted to a few leaders to handle?
2. About what sorts of spiritual questions or problems would you be willing to seek the counsel of elders or deacons?
3. How does seeking the counsel and oversight of elders express our humility?
4. In I Peter 5:7, Peter says we should all humble ourselves toward one another. How might this apply to elders as well as younger church members?