

# “Red Letter Words: The Shepherd”

Mark 6:30-44

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## Reflect on the Text

\*Note: Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible itself. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

- Read Mark 6:30-44. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

## Reflect on the Sermon

### INTRODUCTION

- 1 Leadership matters. It matters in businesses, churches, families, and many other places. What examples of good leadership have you experienced in your life? Bad leadership?
- 2 Summarize the *Big Idea* of the sermon in **one phrase or sentence** (Note: this is not the same as listing the main points). In other words, if someone woke you up at 3am on Monday morning and asked, “What was the sermon about on Sunday?” what would you say in the midst of your sleepy haze?

### THE SHEPHERD’S COMPASSION

- 3 Jesus had compassion on his disciples because doing ministry is hard. You can’t give what you don’t have. How do you make sure you are being cared for so you can in turn care for others?
- 4 Jesus had compassion on the crowds. Is God working compassion in you? Have you been set free from your self-absorption to see the needs of other people?

### THE SHEPHERD’S QUALIFICATIONS

- 5 A true leader makes himself a servant. Jesus came not to be served, but to serve. Where has God called you to serve rather than be served?

- 6 You're not qualified for leadership until you realize you're unqualified. What is a task or challenge you face for which you are inadequate and only Jesus can accomplish?

#### THE SHEPHERD'S PROVISION

- 7 In your own words, what did Jesus mean when he said, "I am the Bread of Life"?
- 8 Ray said, "Whatever you think you need is not what you need if it isn't Jesus." What, or who, do you try to get life/fulfillment/satisfaction out of instead of Jesus?
- 9 How did the sermon enhance your experience of the Lord's Supper?

## **Final Reflections**

- How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for God and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?