

Sermon Title:
"Great Expectations" ~ Mark 6:30-44

INTRODUCTION:

1. We Don't Expect Great Things From God Because We Think the Crowd is too Large. vs. 30-27a

A. Why we think the crowd is too large.

1. If we tried to help everyone in the crowd, we would never get any rest and we might not have time to eat. vs. 30-31
2. It is hard to have compassion on a large crowd. vs. 32-34
3. We don't feel it is our responsibility to take care of the crowd. vs. 25-37a

B. The command of Christ—"you give them something to eat" v. 37a

1. Jesus does not say "stand back boys while I do another miracle for the crowd."
2. He says "you give them something to eat." It is too easy to look at the size of the crowd and say what can I do I am only a shoemaker. This nation is way too large for me to impact in any way. What can I do?

II. We Don't Expect Great Things from God Because We Think Our Resources are Too Limited. vs. 37b-38

A. What are our resources?

1. How many loaves do you have? v. 38
2. Five loaves and two fish "but how far will they go among so many? John 6:9

III. We Don't Expect Great Things from God Because We Think Our God is TOO Small. vs. 39-99

A. What Jesus expects of his disciples—bring your five loaves and two fish.

B. What disciples can expect of Jesus.

1. The disciples in Mark 6 were not expecting Jesus to do a miracle.
2. But Jesus wants his disciples to know that He is the one who multiplies the loaves!
3. Jesus did miracles so that people would believe in Him.

CONCLUSION: