



HELPING HEARTS THAT INVOLVE MUCH

LUKE 9:12-18

Introduction: Life involves much. Much needs done, looked after, taken care of, not to be forgotten, not overlooked, fixed, payed, cared for, accomplished, seen about, purchased, cleaned out, helped, served, made, saved, thrown out . . . stressed yet?

I. Get the Full Picture

- Limited commission (Luke 9:1-6)
- Disciples _____ and _____ to Jesus
"On their return the apostles told him all that they had done." (Luke 9:10a)
- They need to get away and _____
"And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida." (Luke 9:10b)
- Crowds watch and _____ Jesus and the disciples
"When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing." (Luke 9:11)

II. Considering This Event

- Who is present on this occasion? _____
- What have the disciples just returned from doing? _____
- When, or what time of day is it? _____
- Where are they all at this time? _____
- Why did the 12 make the request of Jesus? _____

III. Does Your Heart Involve Much?

- Life can wear you out!
- The disciples were worn out and Jesus knew it
- The crowds were worn and weary (5,000 men so perhaps 15,000)
"When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things." (Mark 6:34)



CROWDS? Let someone else deal with them!

- Husband and wife (Col. 3:19; 1 Peter 3:7; 3:1; Eph. 5:22)
- Parent (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21)
- Church Family Member

Luke 9:12-18 (ESV)

"Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place."

(13) But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people."

(14) For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each."

(15) And they did so, and had them all sit down.

(16) And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

(17) And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

- We just don't believe we have _____ to accomplish what the Lord asks
 - We give the Lord our own ideas and suggestions (vs. 12-13)
 - When He tells us what to do it we quickly show Him that by our assessment we cannot
- Jesus calls on us to do what seems to _____ so much
"You give them something..." (Luke 9:13)
- Jesus plan needs _____ to accomplish much
- Jesus makes life _____
 - My involved heart and life can do something for people with hearts that are weary and who are wondering about like a sheep without a shepherd
- Basic service accomplishes much

Find a way to serve

Why?

Focus off self...
 ...on someone else
 Sense of good will...
 ...feeling of service
 Sense of accomplishment when completed
 See the power of Jesus when He is involved

Put your heart into it!



IV. Recognizing Jesus as the Son of God Involves My Heart

- Following Jesus involves much
 - 12 had given their whole lives to Him
 - They were seeing what they could accomplish with the Lord's power
- Figuring out who Jesus is involves much
 One of the main points of the Gospels.
 I need to confess who Jesus is and it must involve my whole heart and life!
 "The Christ of God" – Propheted Messiah
 "My Lord and My God" – If I call Him Lord I need to submit to Him
 "My King" – I must submit my life to Him and serve Him
 "The Shepherd" – He always cares for the sheep

