Empowering Others – The Secret to a life of Impact Mark 6:34-56

<u>Introduction</u>: "Give me a fish and I'll eat for a day. Teach me to fish and I'll eat for a lifetime."

34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He began teaching them many things.

Mark 6:34

I. The prerequisites of empowering people for impact:

1. A personal, _____ walk with God.

   - You can't give away what you don't have.

2. A _____ to be used by God.

   - Looking at the world and being driven to make a real difference.

3. A growing _____ of the Word of God.

   - Not just intellectual knowledge, but a knowledge that displays itself through application.

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II. The process of empowering people for impact: Mark 6:35-44

A. Teach them to "feed" others… how?

- Teachable moments and timely challenges. Mark 6:35-37a
- Redirect their focus. Mark 6:37b-38
- Organize for success. Mark 6:39-40
- Model dependency. Mark 6:41a
- Allow "them" to succeed Mark 6:41b-44

Four takeaways from the passage:

1. _____ _____ is less important than _____ _____.
   - Grow people.
2. _____ is less important than _____.
   - Get others involved.
3. _____ are less important than _____.
   - Build on what you have, not on what you don't have.
4. _____ _____ is less important than _____ in what you already know.
   - People learn by doing, not by watching.

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B. Teach them to "lead" others

Mark 6:45-52

The principle of _____.

- Never give them more than they can handle.

The principle of _____ and _____.

- You give power to people by praying for them.

The principle of _____.

- Feed people opportunity and responsibility.

The principle of _____.

- Give people the "ball" of faith where they know God will be their God.

III. The product of empowering people for impact

Mark 6:53-56

Multitudes recognize Christ and their needs are met.

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Discussion Questions:

1. How does the phrase, “You cannot impart what you do not possess,” challenge you today?

2. Who could help you grow and develop in your life, marriage, or ministry? Are you willing to approach them and ask for help?

3. What happens to us when we help others reach their full potential?

4. In what area of your life, ministry, parenting, or discipling could you apply this message today? What specifically do you need to do to “empower” those God has given you responsibility for?

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