

RESEARCH FOR SOLVING PROBLEMS AND MEETING NEEDS

MARK 6:35-44

**CHRISTLIKE LEADERS FOR EVERY
CHURCH**

KNOWING AND LEADING LIKE CHRIST TO SOLVE
PROBLEMS AND MEET NEEDS

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**“BE SURE YOU KNOW THE
CONDITION OF YOUR FLOCKS,
GIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION TO
YOUR HERDS”**

(PROVERBS 27:23 NIV, SEE ALSO JOHN 10:10-14)

BENEFITS OF KNOWING AND LEADING LIKE THE GOOD SHEPHERD TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND MEET NEEDS

KNOWING THE CONDITION OF THE FLOCK: Being well enough acquainted with them that we can identify the specific needs of their lives.

GIVING CAREFUL ATTENTION: To set our heart towards meeting the specific needs of the flock which we have discerned or become well acquainted with.

BENEFITS OF KNOWING AND LEADING LIKE THE GOOD SHEPHERD TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND MEET NEEDS

**To get the greatest yield from the sheep, you need to know the condition of the flock and to set your heart to invest in and nurture them for maximum output
(Proverbs 27:26-27)**

“Perhaps we don't see results in ministry because our efforts are not targeted to the condition of the sheep”

(SHEPHERDING MINISTRY)

RESEARCH FOR IDENTIFYING NEEDS AND SOLVING PROBLEMS

The Lord Jesus Christ to the Disciples – What He OBSERVED (NOTICED, IDENTIFIED) about them and the demand of ministry & What He RECOMMENDED (ARRANGED, DID) for them to meet the needs He identified (Mark 6:30-32)

The Lord Jesus Christ to the Crowd - What He SAW (OBSERVED, DISCERNED, IDENTIFIED) about them and What He DID about their perceived situation (Mark 6:34)

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The Lord Jesus Christ Concerning the Crowd – What He OBSERVED, NOTICED, IDENTIFIED about their condition and the state of the harvest (Matt 9:36-37)

What He DID (RECOMMENDED, DIRECTED TO BE DONE TO MEET THE GREAT NEEDS (Matt. 9:38; 10:1-16)

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What the Disciples SAW (OBSERVED, NOTICED) about the Crowd (Mark 6:35)

**Contrast the solutions they proffered with the ones that the Lord proffered
(Mark 6:36 versus 34 & 37a)**

RESEARCHING NEEDS VERSUS RESEARCHING SOLUTIONS

AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD-LEADER, JESUS UNDERSTOOD THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE AND ACCEPTED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEETING SUCH NEEDS.

HE MODELED SHEPHERD-LEADERSHIP FOR HIS DISCIPLES AS WELL AS TAUGHT THEM TO BE LIKE HIM IN THE SAME MANNER

RESEARCHING NEEDS VERSUS RESEARCHING SOLUTIONS

THE NEED THE DISCIPLES OBSERVED

**IT WAS GETTING LATE AND THE CROWD SHOULD BE
DISPERSED TO GET FOOD FOR THEMSELVES**

(MARK 6:35-36)

THE SOLUTION THAT JESUS PROFFERED

**YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT....WHAT DO YOU
HAVE IN YOUR MIDST? GO AND FIND OUT!**

(MARK 6:37a; 38)

THE BURDEN OF LEADING FOR A CHANGE

THE NEED MOSES EXPRESSED

“WHAT IF THEY DO NOT BELIEVE ME OR LISTEN TO ME...”?

(GENESIS 4:1)

THE SOLUTION GOD RAISED

“WHAT IS IT THAT IS IN YOUR HAND”?

(GENESIS 4:2; 20)

THE STAFF IN THE HAND OF MOSES

BECAME

- 1. The Staff of God (after the transformation and as Moses commenced with his mission to deliver and lead the Israelites out of slavery – Exodus 4:3-5; 20)**
- 2. The Staff in Aaron's Hand (for all the miracles in contest with Pharaoh's intransigency - Exodus 7:8,17)**
- 3. The Staff that Sprouted, Budded, Blossomed, and Produced Almonds (as a proof of God's priestly and leadership authority vested on Aaron – Numbers 17:5-10)**

THE STAFF IN THE HAND OF MOSES

- ✓ Parting The Red Sea to create passage for the Israelites (Exodus 14:16)
- ✓ Closing the Red Sea to become burial ground for Pharaoh and his army (Exodus 14:26-28)
- ✓ Providing Water from the Rock (Exodus 17:5-6)
- ✓ Backing Up Joshua to defeat the Amalekites (Exodus 17:9-13)

LEADING THOSE IN NEED TO IDENTIFY THE SOLUTIONS

THE NEED IDENTIFIED BY THE WIDOW

INDEBTEDNESS OF A DECEASED PROPHET-HUSBAND AND THE DANGER OF LOSING HER CHILDREN TO THE CREDITORS

(II KINGS 4:1)

THE SOLUTION PROFERRED BY ELISHA

“WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HOUSE?”

(II KINGS 4:2-4; 7)

BEING PART OF THE SOLUTION TO THE NEEDS WE DISCOVER AND THE CHALLENGES WE IDENTIFY

1. **DON'T SEND THEM AWAY, YOU FEED THEM – Mark 6:37a**
2. **HOW MANY LOAVES DO YOU HAVE, GO AND FIND OUT - Mark 6:38a**
3. **THEY WERE THE ONES TO ARRANGE THE PEOPLE TO ENSURE ORDERLY CONDUCT DURING THE DISTRIBUTION – Mark 6:39-40**
4. **THE MIREACLE OF THE MULTIPLICATION TOOK PLACE IN THEIR HANDS – Mark 6:41b**