

The Need for Rest and Its Dangers

Mark 06:30–34

(see Jn. 6:1-4; Lk. 9:10)

1. The setting:

*The disciples returned
from their mission*

- a. Reported what they had done
- b. Reported what they had taught

2. The first danger:

Not taking time to rest

- a. The disciples were working long and hard
- b. The disciples were pressed by the crowds
- c. The disciples left to rest

3. The second danger:

*Taking too much time to rest
when people are seeking help*

4. The 3rd danger:

*Losing sight of people
who are as sheep without a shepherd*

- a. Jesus saw the people and had compassion
- b. Jesus began to teach

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught.

31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

33 But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

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.