

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2024! Leading to Worship Sunday, July 21, 2024

Reading: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's You Tube channel. This week's video finds us on vacation, wondering if we ever take a break from doing God's work. Click here:

<https://youtu.be/cvL-C9txDGQ> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- These nine verses of Mark bookend two of the most well-known miracles in Mark – Jesus feeding the 5,000, and Jesus walking on water. Yet in the readings, we skip both of these miracles. Instead, we hear first that the disciples have returned from their work (early in Mark 6, Jesus had sent them out in pairs to teach and heal the sick).
- The disciples tell Jesus what they have been doing, and Jesus suggests they need some rest. So they head out on a boat to a desolate place.
- Then we skip ahead to throngs of people following Jesus everywhere, bringing their sick, just hoping to touch his cloak and be healed. And as many touched it were made well.

Two Questions

- What do you think about Jesus granting the disciples some rest, only to have it interrupted? Do you see how God grants us moments of quiet, but never supposes we will take a break from being his disciples? Are we okay with both “taking a break,” but also always being on the lookout for showing and sharing Jesus' love?
- Why do you think we skip “really big” miracles in these passages? Are there really “big” miracles, and little miracles? When you pray for “small” help from God, is he still listening? When you do a “small” deed for someone in need, is it ever too small?

Action Step

- Give yourself a moment of rest this week. But still watch to lend a helping hand – with God, you can do both!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!