



“How To Be A FULL Christian – Part 1”

Mark 6:30-44

Icebreaker:

Which is more harmful than the other – laziness or workaholism?

The Study:

In our teaching series, “*How To Be The Church In A Pandemic*”, we’ve made it clear that the Lord hasn’t changed his marching orders to us, just because of the present crisis. We’re still to serve others, and offer God our gifts and talents to grow his kingdom (i.e. increase his beauty, goodness and love on the earth.) But there should be a balance to our serving. The “*FULL Member Inventory*” is a valuable tool which can help us find that balance. If you’ve been struggling to know where to serve, or how much to serve, this study will be helpful.



1. The disciples have just returned from a preaching mission that the Lord sent them on. What does Jesus say to them? Read Mark 6:30-31.

2. We learn at least two things about serving and ministry here. Take two minutes each (we mean that literally – set a watch!) to brainstorm these truths. Write down anything that comes to mind.

Ministry is hard.

Doing ministry requires rest.

3. The tandem of work and rest is a “Creation Principle”. Read Genesis 2:1-2, then complete this sentence anyway you’d like.

So if I’m a either a Christian who won’t serve or a Christian who won’t rest then...

4. Pastor Bear with his leadership team in Connecticut created a resource to help their people know where and how to serve in ministry. It’s called the “*FULL Member Inventory*”. Take the inventory out right now and read the introduction. From the introduction, write out at least 5 observations you make about spiritual gifts.

5. Notice that the FULL Member Inventory divides ministry activities into three categories. What are they and how are they different from each other?

6. The idea behind this survey is that we ask our people to do two things: a) find at least one area to serve in from each of the three categories; and b) score your involvement at Bridgeway and see how close you can get to the “sweet spot” of being a FULL Member.

In the teaching we discussed several benefits of using this survey. Knowing that God asks me to be a “FULL Christian” gives me...

Direction for ministry.

The disciples said to Jesus that they only had “five loaves and two fish”. What would you say to a person who says they can’t serve because...

*I can only work on cars...I’m only a shut-in widow...I’m only a student...
I only have my GED...etc., etc., etc.*

Purpose for ministry.

Pastor Bear mentioned how his Connecticut church was busy with meetings but hardly ever did ministry. How does that happen? And how do you fix it?

Balance for ministry.

What would you say to someone who says, “What’s the point of doing something in all three areas? Why can’t I do all my work in one area?”

Boundaries for ministry.

In many churches, 20% of the people do 80% of the work. Part of the problem is that many of the 20ers don’t know how to say, “No”. Why is this a problem?

What are some other practical things a church can do to bump up that percentage?

7. Take a couple minutes of silence. Be quiet with God and your thoughts, then write down one or two lessons/truths/nudges/action-points that you sense the Lord is speaking to you in light of this study. Share it with the group.

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