



Mark 8.1-21

INTRODUCTION

Jesus miraculously feeds 1000's, confronts the Pharisees who demand more signs, and rebukes His disciples for failing to understand the significance of the miracles they have already witnessed. From this we learn that the problem is not a lack of evidence about who Jesus is, but our tendency to forget His works and struggle to trust Him despite the clear evidence He has already given.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?
- What is your overall impression of Jesus in this passage?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Mark 8.1-21**
- How do these miraculous feeding episodes serve as a sign of the inbreaking of the kingdom of God?
- What do you think made these people willing to stay so long with Jesus?
- Why does bible record two miraculous feedings?
- What is the leaven of the pharisees and Herod?
- Why to the Apostles worry about bread in the boat?

APPLICATION

- What does this reveal about what it means to truly hunger for Christ? What things today compete with our hunger for Him?
- Why do you think the disciples were so quick to forget what Jesus had already done? In what ways do we do the same thing when facing new difficulties? How can remembering God's past provision strengthen our faith today?
- What is the difference between honest doubt and settled unbelief? Why might someone continue to demand more evidence even when evidence has already been given? Have you seen this dynamic in your own life or in conversations with others?
- Why is unbelief compared to yeast that spreads through dough? What are some small attitudes or habits that can slowly weaken a person's faith? How can believers guard against this kind of spiritual drift?
- Why do we often worry about practical needs even when we know God has provided in the past?
- What would it look like to respond with faith instead of anxiety in those moments?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?