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Stained glass window of the Confession of Peter. Detail from stained glass in the church of St Mary and St Lambert in Stonham Aspall in Suffolk

The Gospel of Mark

Jesus' Manhood, Motion, and Mission

Day 1 – Summarize chapter 8

Welcome

Welcome the Holy Spirit into your time of study with prayer; write it here:

Read the Chapter

Read all of chapter 8 in one sitting. Try to summarize each event briefly; I stick with 10 words or less to help me keep to the main point. Write your text divisions on the left and your summaries in a sentence to the right.

Day 2 – Feeding the 4,000

Compare the 4,00 with the 5,000

Have you ever wondered if these were the same event, but the numbers got muddled? See for yourself by comparing ways the events were similar, and ways each was different:

	4,000, Mark 8	5,000, Mark 6
Similarities		
Differences		

Day 3 – The Pharisees

To test Him

So Jesus had just fed 4,000 men, and the Pharisees come to Him asking for a sign. From His response, put into modern vernacular how you think He felt about their question:

Yeast of the Pharisees

What do you think Jesus means by comparing Pharisees with yeast? If you bake bread and understand this process, summarize it below. If you're not a baker, check online or move on to Day 4.

Day 4 – Christ's Second Touch

The Blind Man from Bethsaida

Again we see Jesus stay consistent with the pattern of hiddenness and quiet as He moves away from the village and crowds to heal the man. Jesus does not despise small things...quiet people...being off of the stage. How does this apply to your own circumstances?

Why do you think Jesus had to press in for a second touch? Can you spiritually relate to the man's vision (fuzzy at first, then clear after a second touch)?

Days 5 and 6—Peter, Jesus, and Death

Jesus' Identity

Let's say I'm your friend and I want to know about Jesus. Who do you say He is in response to my question?

Here's the famous shift of Chapter 8! We made it!

Jesus reveals His destiny to the disciples at this point, and begins to prepare them for the costly commitment of belief in Him.

Just for clarity, write down the four main points of what Jesus tells the disciples in verse 31:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Peter:

What exactly did Peter do wrong? In other words, why did Jesus rebuke Peter? Go deeper than just Peter's words.

Jesus, in His rebuke of Peter, says Peter has absolutely no understanding from God's perspective. What does this bring up in your mind and emotions?

The Cost: Jesus shifts His focus toward the crucifixion

Rewrite Jesus' words from verses 34-37 below in your own words. Ponder it, savor it, pray it.