

Lesson Notes: Mark 8

Introductory Questions

1. In Mark 8, the disciples first asked how Jesus was going to feed the crowd of 5000. Later, they discussed their own lack of bread. After they saw the feeding of the 4000 and then the 5000, the disciples still don't understand. Jesus says they don't truly hear or see. They can't remember and apply what they witnessed. Put yourselves in that situation. What possible things would prevent these disciples from trusting Christ to take care of the crowd and them? Why don't we remember that God will take care of us when we've seen Him do it over and over?
2. What do you think was behind Jesus' sigh in verse 12? The Pharisees seek a sign to test and to "validate" Jesus. What's wrong with that? What's symbolic about what Jesus does after making His statement to them?
3. What bothered Peter so much with Jesus' pronouncement that He "must" suffer and die that he would rebuke Jesus? Why did Jesus rebuke Peter in return?

Feeding the 4,000

Differences & similarities with the 5,000

Yeast of the Pharisees and Herod

How yeast bread works

What was Jesus' point?

Two Touches for the Blind Man

Jesus' healing process: getting to 20-20 vision

"Messiah"

Identity: The Anointed One

Destiny: Death

Cost of Discipleship

Peter's Rebuke

"If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."

"Whoever loses his life for Me and for the gospel will save it."

Summary

This chapter has much to say about VISION.

Seeing and understanding God enough to _____

Seeing clearly might take _____

Seeing Jesus as _____, including embracing His

Seeing the _____ of the Christian life

Application Questions

1. How do our spiritual eyes still see people as trees?
2. While some yeast is good, Jesus uses yeast here to signify a bad influence. How are the Pharisees like yeast to the followers of Jesus? What do we need to be alert to, on the watch for, that the religious people bring to the life of faith?
3. God has done amazing things in each of our lives, starting with our redemption. Why is it sometimes difficult, then, to apply to our present difficulties what we know and have experienced of God's compassionate miracles in the past? What can we do to "remember and understand?"
4. Pray the prayer over your life,
"Lord, give me eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to obey."
Then listen.
5. In what new way do you need to lose your old life in order to find your new life in Christ? How might the love of Jesus help you to let go?