



Small Groups Questions

Mark 8:1-26

1. Read Mark 8:1-26. Does this passage raise a question for you? If so, what is it?
2. Jesus teaches us a lot about the difficulties of overcoming spiritual blindness in this passage, even using the two-stage healing of a physically blind man to emphasize it (vv.22-26)! How have you been spiritually blind to the things of God in the past?
3. There's a lot of "seconds" - *second* great feeding miracle (v.1), a *second* trip to "the other side" (v.13), the only miracle that required a *second* step (v.25), etc. How do the "seconds" highlight the disciple's spiritual blindness and underscore the difficulties of overcoming it?
4. Jesus issued a stern warning in verse 15. What is *the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod*? And how do you think this warning applies to us today, as followers of Jesus?
5. In what ways do you think Jesus' teaching in this passage should keep us humble? Also, does it give you a new appreciation for the importance of regularly praying Paul's "open the eyes of our hearts" prayer in Ephesians 1:16-21?

Prayer Requests