



Week #27 of The Gospel of Mark

March 10, 2024

Coming Together

- What are you learning about or want to learn about?
- What questions about Christ or Christianity do you wonder about the most?

Growing in Our Understanding

1. Read Mark 8:14-16. What does Jesus warn his disciples against? How did they respond to the warning?
2. Why did Jesus warn the disciples against “the leaven of the Pharisees” (Mk 8:15)? What was Jesus referring to? What insights can we gather from this and apply to our lives today?
3. What is the significance of all of Jesus’ questions in Mark 8:17-21? Do some stand out more than others? Which question do you think is most important?
4. Read Mark 8:22-26. What is unique about the way Jesus heals the man?

5. Read Mark 8:17-18. What made some of these early lessons about Jesus so hard for the disciples to understand? How can we keep this from happening to us?

Unwrapping and Applying God’s Principles

1. Read Mark 1:14-15 and 4:10-13. How would you describe the Kingdom of God? Why do you think this is an important concept to understand?
2. What do you think is the connection between the gradual healing of the Blind Man and the Disciples’ slowness in understanding who Jesus is?
3. Isaiah 35:5- 6 is a prophecy foretelling the coming Messiah. How do the verses in Isaiah compare with the healings Mark tells us about in 7:31-37 and 8:22-26?

Deepening Our Hearts for God

- When have life’s circumstances clouded your sight? What did God do to lift “your blindness”?
- Easter is coming. Who do you know needs a “second touch” (Mk 8:25)? How can we pray for them? What would it take for them to come to Easter service?

Looking Ahead

Read Mark 8:27-33. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out to you. What does Peter get right in these verses? What does he get wrong?