



Week #26 of The Gospel of Mark

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Coming Together

- When was the last time you were a recipient of compassion? How did that feel?
- Why is it sometimes difficult to accept help or sympathy from others?

Growing in Our Understanding

1. Read Mark 8:1-3. Why did Jesus call his disciples to Him? Where does this conversation take place, and what is the context?
2. Read Mark 8:4-5 and 6:35-38. How do the Disciples' reactions to Jesus and questions of Jesus compare in these two miraculous feeding events?
3. What did Jesus do to involve the Disciples in the problem and solution (see Mark 8:5-8)?
4. Read Mark 8:11-15. Who comes to see Jesus, and what are their motives? How does Jesus respond?

Unwrapping and Applying God's Principles

1. Why do people demand signs from God? Why does God refuse to give signs of proof of His existence?
2. God has given us time, talents (abilities), treasures (\$), and touch or relationships to invest in to grow His work in our valley. What areas of your life are easier to trust God for and make available to Him? Which areas are more difficult? Why do you think that is?
3. Read Mark 8:11-13 and James 1:2-3. The word "test" is used in both passages, and the goals of the testing appear very different. How would you describe testing that comes from God versus testing that the Pharisees came to deliver Jesus?
4. To whom can you show compassion this week? Why do you think God might want you to focus on that person?

Deepening Our Hearts for God

- If the only passage of Scripture we had was Mark 8:1-15, what would we learn about the character of God?
- How has God worked in your life in the past to encourage you to trust Him with your future?

Looking Ahead

Read Mark 8:14-26. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out to you. What is the tone of the teaching?

