

The gospel of Mark

8 May 2022
Mark 8:22-26

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

Read **Mark 8**

- Summarize the main events in this passage. i.e. what happens?
- Why do you think the discussion around the yeast or the leaven of the Pharisees and Herod is important?
- What was Jesus trying to communicate by talking about this?
- Do the disciples understand or not?
Why or why not?
What is that seems to confuse them?

Read **Mark 8:22-26**

- What stands out to you in this miracle?
- What is the significance of Jesus' question "*Do you see anything?*"
- Do you think there is any connection between the disciples misunderstanding about bread / yeast and this healing / miracle? If so, what?
- What do you think Jesus is trying to teach his disciples?
- Why do you think Jesus ends this section by saying "*Don't even go into the village?*"
What would his purpose be?

REFLECTING ON & LIVING IT OUT THIS WEEK

Looking over this chapter of Mark:

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about people?
- What does this say about our blind spots?
Are we aware of them? Are we honest about them? Are we bringing them to Jesus?

How do you respond to Pastor Mike's conclusion:

Grace is not permission to stay immature.

It's not permission to keep hurting others and ourselves, or to not face the difficult road of maturing.

Grace gives us the courage to mature.

It allows us to care deeply about how we affect others.

It gives us the freedom to be curious about the areas we need to grow in, instead of fearing them.

Knowing that we are already perfectly and completely accepted gives us the strength to wade into the deep waters of our soul, knowing that there is much that needs healing and maturing.