

Series "The God Who Serves"
"Useless Miracles"
Mark 8:11-21
Study-28

Mark 8:18

1 Corinthians 2:14

1 John 1:5-7

Thought Of Our Passage: "Perpetual Hard-Heart – Separates Themselves From God For Eternity, But The Temporary Hard-Heart – Miss God In The Present"

1. Verses 11-13 – Religious – Left In The Dark

2. Verses 14-21 – Disciples – Led To The Light

1. Verses 11-13 – Religious – Left In The Dark:

Mark 8:11

Jesus just fed 4000 men, total 15-20,000 Gentiles. Mark 8:10

Parallel passage is in Mathew 16:1-12

"argue" – "dispute, not to inquire but to debate" (Mark 7:1-16)

Mark 9:30 – He was unwilling for anyone to know about it.

"Pharisees" – "separate ones, to separate"

Matthew Adds Another Group – Matthew 16:1

"Sadducees" – "liberal, unbelief"

Pharisees and Sadducees hated each other but their hatred of Jesus and the truth was greater. John 3:19-21

"sign from heaven" – "token; this word emphasizes some miraculous act that points back to the grace and power or divine character or authority of the doer"

Satan Tried This Temptation At The Beginning Of His Ministry: Matthew 4:5-7

Matthew 16:2-3

Matt 12:38-40

"to test Him." – "to test one maliciously, craftily; to put to the proof his feelings or judgment" Matthew 16:1; 19:3; 22:18,35; Mark 8:11; 10:2; 12:15; Luke 11:16; 20:23

John 3:1-2

Mark 8:12

"And sighing deeply in His spirit," – "Jesus was disturbed to the depth of His being"

John 9:40-41

Jesus sighed over the deaf man (Effects Of Sin). Mark 7:34

Jesus now sighs over the "Spiritually Blind"

Sin Blinds – John 3:19

Satan Blinds – 2 Cor. 4:4

Being Self-Willed Is Blind – Luke 13:34

Blinded, Self-Willed – Can Be Abandonment By God – Romans 1

Matt. 16:4

Matt. 12:39-40

Luke 16:31

Mark 8:13

2. Verses 14-21 – Disciples – Led To The Light:

Mark 8:14-15

"Watch out!" and "Beware" – It literally is saying, "Be continually watchful"

"Watch out! Beware of the leaven" – "yeast"; metaphorically used of "mental and moral corruption"; it causes bread to rise; though small in quantity, yet by its influence, thoroughly pervades a thing.

"leaven of the Pharisees" – (Hypocrisy), Legalism, Formalism

"leaven of Herod" – (Worldliness)

Matt. 16:6 – "leaven of the Sadducees" – (Unbelief), Liberalism, Rationalism

Mark 8:16

Jesus was with them in the boat, but they were not with Jesus.

Mark 8:17

Jesus Asks 9 Questions:

1. "Why do you discuss the fact that you have no bread?" – Lesson: The Realization of His Presence
2. "Do you not yet see or understand?" – Lesson: Use Your Mind; Spiritual inventory! What does the Bible say? Matthew 13:11
3. "Do you have a hardened heart?" – Lesson: Search Your Heart. Truth always moves us if we truly believe it! Need to pray, change my heart!

"hardened heart?" – "dull, not an understanding heart"

Mark 8:18

4. "Having eyes, do you not see?" – Lesson: Seeking The Spiritual

Jesus being broken to feed the world! "The Bread Of Life"
Bethlehem – "House of Bread"

5. "And having ears, do you not hear?" – Lesson: Hearing Only The Physical.
6. "And do you not remember?" – Lesson: We Need To Remember His Past Goodness.

The Key: The past is the best indicator of how to view the present. If God has been faithful in the past, He'll be faithful in the present. If He's provided in the past, He can provide in the present.

Mark 8:19

7. "When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces you picked up?" – Lesson: God Has Inexhaustible Resources.

Mark 8:20

8. "I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of broken pieces did you pick up?" – Lesson: God Cares And Meets The Need!

Mark 8:21

9. "Do you not yet understand?" – Lesson: Who Is Jesus?

Application:

1. When We Find Ourselves Spiritually Dull, We Need To – Pray, Asking God For A Heart Of Understanding: "Need To Pray, Change My Heart!"
2. When We Find Ourselves Spiritually Dull, We Need To – Open Our Hearts To The Word Of God: "Truth Always Moves Us If We Truly Believe It!"
3. When We Find Ourselves Spiritually Dull, We Need To – Remember God's Faithfulness In The Past: "The Past Is The Best Indicator Of How To View The Present. If God Has Been Faithful In The Past, He'll Be Faithful In The Present. If He's Provided In The Past, He Can Provide In The Present!"