

Knowing Jesus Leaven of Pharisees

Text: Mark 8:1-21

Purpose: Jesus is not hiding from us, He is actively leading, speaking and engaging with us. In this passage we will see how some Pharisees completely miss who Jesus is and what it means for us as we continue to hear and see Him.

Opening Question: *Your favorite kind of bread?*

Read and Discuss: Mark 8:1-21

1. *What were the differences between Jesus feeding the 5,000 and here Jesus feeding the 4,000? Why was this miracle important?*
2. *Is it wrong to ask Jesus to give us a sign in order that our faith might be strengthened? When would it not be appropriate?*
3. *When was a time in your life that Jesus gave you a sign? Was there something that happened and it pointed you to see Jesus in a greater way?*
4. *Why did the Pharisees ask Jesus for a sign? What was their angle?*
5. *How does cynicism affect your life? When are you the most cynical?*
6. *What ways might we miss the work of Jesus in our lives today? What steps can we take in order to hear Him, see Him and follow Him?*