

# MARK 8:1-21

## OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY?

1. According to Verses 1-10:
  - a. What is the size of the crowd?
  - b. What is their problem?
  - c. What is Jesus attitude toward them?
  - d. What is his concern for them?
  - e. How many loaves/fish does Jesus have?
  - f. How many baskets are left over?
  - g. What other observations can you make?
2. What do the Pharisees ask Jesus and why? How does Jesus respond to them?
3. What do the disciples forget to take with them on the boat (v. 14)?
4. What does Jesus warn the disciples about? How did the disciples respond to his warning (v. 16)?
5. How does Jesus express his frustration with the disciples not understanding (vs.17-21)?
6. Note the words in verses 15, 17, 18 that have to do with vision/sight.?

## INTERPRETATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN?

1. Compare the feeding of the 4,000 (8:1-10) with the feeding of the 5,000 (6:30-44). How are they similar? How are they different?
2. The question asked by the disciples in verse 4 raises a question about either the disciple's memory or the nature of belief (did they think the feeding of the 5,000 was a fluke?). What was it that caused the disciples to ask this question?
3. Why doesn't Jesus give the Pharisees a sign? What was the leaven of the Pharisees and Herod?
4. Why do the disciples start talking about the bread? What is it that they do not understand? Compare this passage with Matthew 16:1-12.

## APPLICATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN TO ME/US?

1. Have you ever doubted Jesus could provide even after He has already proven to you that he was able to? How do you fight the issue of doubt in your life?
2. If you could ask Jesus for a sign what sign would you ask for? Does Jesus want us to seek for signs from him? Why or why not?
3. What teaching should the church beware of in this day and age? Have you ever been led astray by teaching that wasn't quite biblical? How can you protect yourself from false teaching/teachers?
4. What issue of faith are you still struggling to understand?

## ACTION PLAN

Spend time personally and with others in coming up with an action plan inspired by your study. What in this passage compels you to desire a change, to move to action, to become more like Jesus? It could be a change in thinking, behavior, character. It could be internal or external. It could be personal or relational. Just don't leave studying the Bible as simply an intellectual exercise.