



Matthew 16:5-12

Who forgot the bread? The disciples are confused. They had quickly forgotten the miracles of Jesus, who multiplied bread for thousands. In their misunderstanding, they struggled to remember the power of Jesus and his ability to care for their needs. They had little faith. It wasn't a lack of bread that prompted the remark from Jesus. Instead, Jesus is warning them to beware of false teaching.

When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. ⁶ Jesus said to them, "Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." ⁷ And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, "We brought no bread." ⁸ But Jesus, aware of this, said, "O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? ⁹ Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? ¹⁰ Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? ¹¹ How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." ¹² Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

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We must know the gospel, so that we can defend the gospel. When we are firmly convinced of the gospel, we can beware of false teaching, beware of forgetfulness, and beware of counterfeit gospels. For the true gospel, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, is what gives us true hope.

Discussion Questions

- How forgetful are you? Do you have any techniques that help you remember important things?
- Jesus calls their faith "little". What moments in your life have prompted your faith to grow?
- When have you struggled to believe in God's faithfulness?
- How can we encourage one another when we are struggling to remember God's faithfulness?
- What false teachings do we need to guard against today?
- What steps can you take to protect yourself from believing in counterfeit gospels?
- What steps will you take this week to know the gospel?

D&A (Discipleship & Accountability)

Break up into smaller groups for prayer.

- How is your time with God?
- What are you praying for?
- What are you struggling with?
- Who are you praying for to know Jesus?
- What gospel conversations have you had this week with someone who doesn't follow Jesus?