

SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS COMPASSION

Mark 8:1-21



BIG IDEA: Jesus reveals his compassionate heart and divine sufficiency, but unbelief and forgetfulness keep us from seeing him clearly.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

Can you recall a time when you completely missed something that was right in front of you? What does that reveal about how easily we can overlook God's work in our lives?

Read Mark 8:1-10. What details about Jesus' words and actions reveal his heart of compassion? How does this story show both his care and his power?

Read Mark 8:11-13. What did the Pharisees demand from Jesus, and what does it reveal about their hearts?

Read Mark 8:14-21. Why do you think Jesus warns about "the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod"?

What do the disciples' worries about bread reveal about their hearts?

APPLY

Use Jesus' five questions (vv. 17–21) as a *spiritual diagnostic* for your own heart this week. Take time to prayerfully reflect on all five and discuss at least one of these with your group:

- "Do you not yet perceive or understand?" — Where am I failing to connect truth to life?**
 - What truths about Jesus do I affirm but struggle to apply when life gets hard?
 - How can I begin to live as if those truths are truly real?
- "Are your hearts hardened?" — Where has my heart grown dull or resistant toward Jesus?**
 - What areas of life have I stopped surrendering to his lordship?
 - When was the last time the truth of Christ genuinely moved my heart?
- "Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear?" — What am I missing that God has already made clear?**
 - Where might I be overlooking evidence of God's work around me?
 - How can I tune my heart to notice his hand in ordinary moments?
- "Do you not remember?" — Where have I forgotten his faithfulness?**
 - List two or three specific ways God has provided or answered prayer in the past.
 - How would remembering those moments strengthen your faith in your current situation?
- "Do you not yet understand?" — What truth about Jesus am I still resisting?**
 - Is there something Jesus is teaching me right now that I've been slow to accept?
 - What would repentance and trust look like in this area?