



Title: WHAT'S IN YOUR DOUGH

Main Scripture: Mark 8:11-21  
Matthew 16:1-12

The mark of a true follower of Jesus is not knowledge, power or attendance, but it is a transformed heart.

Knowledge  
Pharisees

Power  
Herod/Herodians  
Sadducees

Attendance  
Disciples

Transformed Heart

Baptism

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The Small Group Sermon Study

Mark 8:11-21, Matthew 16:1-12

**Prayer:** *Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.*

**Icebreaker:** Have you ever had an interest or hobby that in some way defined your life (for good or bad)? How has that experience then or now shaped your life?

**Read Mark 8:11-21 together. From this Scripture passage and notes from listening to the sermon, take time to discuss as a group:**

- Take a minute of silence, asking the Holy Spirit to lead your thoughts, and share what seems to be highlighted for you from these passages and the sermon.
- As a small group, take some time to “paint a picture” of what a follower of Jesus should dwell on and act like. How does this look different from the Pharisees? How does this look different from each of us?
- The Pharisees prioritized knowledge, Herodians and Sadducees prioritized power, and Jesus’ own disciples prioritized being “seen” and “not missing out.” These were all obstacles to them fully believing and receiving Jesus’ message.
  - What obstacles do we see in the church preventing us from fully believing and receiving Jesus’ message?
  - What obstacles do we see in ourselves preventing us from fully believing and receiving Jesus’ message?
- Another obstacle that Jesus mentions is wanting God to “make us believe” by showing us a sign that we cannot possibly deny. Why do you think that Jesus refused to give a sign to the Pharisees? If he did give them a sign, do you think their hearts would have changed? Why or why not?

### **Personal Reflection:**

- Do you need a heart change today? What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what God is showing you?
- What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you’ve heard in your time together with your small group?

**Prayer:** *Read Psalm 51 together. Invite the Holy Spirit to highlight obstacles that you need to confess and lay at the feet of Jesus. Ask Him to transform your hearts. Spend time praying for one another.*