

Small Group Study Notes

Mark 8:1-21

1. Note the points of difference and the points of similarity between this feeding and the one recorded in 6:35-44.
2. What was different about this crowd to cause the disciples to say, “but where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them”?
3. What sort of a sign do you think would have satisfied the Pharisees? Why would Jesus not give a sign?
4. The “yeast” of the Pharisees was their mindset. What was their mindset and in what way were the disciples in danger of being infected by it?
5. Jesus said to the disciples, “do you still not understand?” Understand what?
6. The Jews were in a remote place without food (6:35) the Gentiles were in a remote place without food (8:1) and lastly the disciples were in a remote place (on the lake) without food (8:14). Each time the disciples worried about a lack of food. And us; do we worry when ever there is a lack?
7. What ever else happened to the twelve in the future they had these two stories as part of their history. What stories do you have as part of your history that demonstrates that God provides?