

Message Study Guide

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**Warming up**

1. What are you grateful for?

**Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Jesus fed 5,000 people. Then, Jesus fed an additional 4,000 people. Please read both stories in Mark 6:31-44 and Mark 8:1-9.
  - a. What's the difference between the two stories?
  - b. How much were the leftovers in both stories?
3. T.D. Jakes said, "Christianity is just one beggar telling the other beggar where they found the bread."
  - a. Can you relate to this quote?
  - b. Did someone tell you about Jesus?
  - c. What happened?
  - d. When was the last time you told someone about Jesus?
4. Jesus brings up these leftovers in the Gospel of Mark. But before Jesus talks about leftovers, He talks about yeast (leaven). Read Mark 8:11-13.
  - a. According to this passage, what was the crowd looking for?
  - b. what did the disciples forget? This was going to be a six hour trip.
  - c. Have you ever forgotten the leftovers?
5. Jesus doesn't talk about food. He talks about something else. What does Jesus talk about in Mark 8:15 -18?
  - a. What does the yeast or leaven represent?
  - b. What is the warning for us today?
  - c. what happened between the disciples?
  - d. What did Jesus say about their hearts?

- e. Compare with quote from Kenneth Wuest, "Jesus is speaking of a process that went on in past time which reached its state of completion, and whose results exist in present time. The hardening process in the disciple's hearts had progressed to the state of completeness, and the present results constituted them as men who were in a state of settled hardness."
6. Please read how Jesus responded to their arguing in Mark 8:19-21.
  - a. What was Jesus saying? Really?
  - b. Compare this with the quote from FF Bruce, "Jesus administers a sharp rebuke for their preoccupation with mere temporalities, as if there were nothing higher to be thought of than bread."
7. Pastor Ruben said, "You can become preoccupied with temporal things to the point that your spiritual life becomes less important."
  - a. What does this mean?
  - b. What bothers you more...missing a meal, or missing your time with God?
8. Please read 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 and 1 Thessalonians 5:18. What do these verses mean to you? Do you live with an attitude of gratitude? Why or why not?

### **Application**

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- "Christianity is just one beggar telling the other beggar where they found the bread."
- If someone really wants God...they can find Him.
- If someone really wants Jesus...they can have Him.
- If someone really wants God's will...they can have it.
- You can become so preoccupied with temporal things that it settles into your heart and affects your ability to see what really matters.