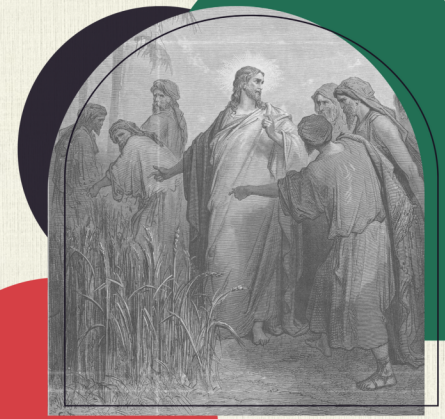


November 19, 2023

LEFTOVERS

Pastor Roger Poupart // Mark 8:1-21



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



In those days, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples and said to them, 2 "I feel compassion for the people because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat. 3 If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come from a great distance." 4 And His disciples answered Him, "Where will anyone be able to find enough bread here in this desolate place to satisfy these people?" 5 And He was asking them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven." 6 And He directed the people to sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and broke them, and started giving them to His disciples to serve to them, and they served them to the people. 7 They also had a few small fish; and after He had blessed them, He ordered these to be served as well. 8 And they ate and were satisfied; and they picked up seven large baskets full of what was left over of the broken pieces. 9 About four thousand were there; and He sent them away. 10 And immediately He entered the boat with His disciples and came to the district of Dalmanutha. 11 The Pharisees came out and began to argue with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, to test Him. 12 Sighing deeply in His spirit, He said, "Why does this generation seek for a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation." 13 Leaving them, He again embarked and went away to the other side. 14 And they had forgotten to take bread, and did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them. 15 And He was giving orders to them, saying, "Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." 16 They began to discuss with one another the fact that they had no bread. 17 And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you discuss the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a hardened heart? 18 Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember, 19 when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces you picked up?" They said to Him, "Twelve." 20 "When I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of broken pieces did you pick up?" And they said to Him, "Seven." 21 And He was saying to them, "Do you not yet understand?"



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REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?

- What's your favorite Thanksgiving memory and why?

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

GROW IN THE WORD

01. A great crowd followed Jesus for three days. When they ran out of food to eat, Jesus had compassion on them and implied to his disciples that the people needed to be fed. His disciples doubted that anyone could find the food to feed the crowd, but Jesus miraculously fed them with only seven loaves and a few fish (v. 1-10).

- How does this event compare to the first miraculous feeding described in Mark? What are the similarities and differences? See Mark 6:31-44.

GROW IN THE WORD

- What do you learn about the disciples through their answer to Jesus in verse 4? Consider also Mark 4:40-41; 6:49-52.

- In what ways can you relate to the disciples?

02. The Pharisees tested Jesus by challenging him to show them a sign from heaven. Jesus denied the Pharisees and instead left with his disciples. Jesus warned the disciples about the Pharisees and Herod, but the disciples were preoccupied with their lack of bread. Jesus rebuked them for forgetting about his miraculous provision and his teaching (v. 11-21).

- How does this event compare to the first miraculous feeding described in Mark? What are the similarities and differences? See Mark 6:31-44.



GROW IN THE WORD

- In what ways can you ensure that concern of your physical needs does not blind you to God's leading or instruction?

- What is a clear gift of provision from God that you want to hold on to and remember?

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE GATHERING: WOMEN'S EVENT

December 5 | 6:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Ladies, this Christmas season let's set our hearts and posture toward the coming King with a night of fellowship, worship, scripture reading, and teaching from Luke 1. Invite a friend and register online today!

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

November 26 - December 17

Wayside is excited to partner with organizations near and far to impact the world for the glory of Jesus! We have options for you to donate a toy for our toy drive and/or give a financial gift. Learn more about the three organizations we are supporting online!