

Wrong Focus and Forgetful Faith

Mark 8:1-10; 14-21

- I. Food for all from little: Jesus miraculously provides bread and fish for 4000 (Mark 8:1-10).
- A. Jesus has compassion for His hungry listeners (8:1-3).
 - B. The disciples wonder where they will find food (8:4)
 - C. Christ multiplies the 7 loaves and a few fish they have to feed over 4000 with 7 baskets left over (8:5-10).
 - God uses what we have and multiplies it for his use.
- II. Forgotten bread and forgotten miracles: Jesus teaches that spiritual issues are more important than physical issues – (8:14-21)
- A. Confused Disciples: Jesus warns the disciples about spiritual dangers they face, but they don't get it (8:14-16).
 - 1. The disciples are concerned because they forgot to bring bread on the trip (14).
 - 2. Jesus warns the disciples of spiritual dangers ("leaven of the Pharisees and Herod"), but the disciples think He's talking about the bread they forgot (15-16).
- Spiritual Ditches that endanger believers**

 - **Pharisees** – Hypocrisy (Self-righteousness – Luke 12:1)
 - **Herod/Sadducees** – Worldliness (Greed, Pleasure, Power, etc. – Mark 8:15; Matthew 16:12)
- B. Wrong Focus: Jesus rebukes the disciples for focusing on trivial bread instead of spiritual issues (8:17-18a).
 - C. Forgetful Faith: Jesus rebukes them for forgetting how He provided in the past (8:18b-21; Matthew 16:11).
 - The disciples worried about their bread supply when they saw Jesus provide miraculously for over 5000 and 4000.