

# Sermon Notes

"Jesus Admonishes Dull and Hardened Hearts"

Mark 8:1-21

November 9, 2025

5. In light of the Pharisees' demand for a sign from heaven (8:11) and their expectation that the Kingdom of God would break into human history in spectacular fashion, to what do you think Jesus refers when He speaks of the "yeast of the Pharisees" (8:15)? Is the yeast of Herod the same as or different from the yeast of the Pharisees? If different, what is it?
  
6. What did Jesus want his disciples to learn from the negative example of the Pharisees and Herod?
  
7. Why do people demand signs from God?
  
8. Why was Jesus amazed at his disciples (8:17-21)? How did Jesus try to get through to them?
  
9. What makes it difficult sometimes for you to see, hear, and accept spiritual things? In what area of your life is it hardest for you to trust God?
  
10. When has your heart been "hardened" to God's message? How can you be more sensitive to God's will for you?

**Let's Pray:**

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 11-09-2025

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, p. 84-85; Lyman Coleman, et al., eds., Serendipity New Testament for Groups, Serendipity House, Littleton, CO, 1986, p. 104; James Hoover, Mark: Follow Me, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1999, pp. 40; Ted Dorman, Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Mark, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1995, pp. 81-82.

## Getting Started:

1. When was a time you misunderstood what someone said or did? What resulted?

## Digging Deeper:

Read Mark 8:1-21.

2. How does this feeding miracle compare and contrast with the one in Mark 6:30-44? What are the similarities? What are the differences? How were the disciples the same as they were in the Mark 6 story? How were they different?
3. What does the disciples' response to Jesus (8:4) tell us about their faith?
4. What sort of things do you think kept the disciples from recognizing who Jesus was? What keeps us from trusting Jesus today?