

Small Group Study Guide

ICE BREAK

- How do we get our spiritual vision and hearing checked? Who is the doctor and what instruments does she/he use?

STUDY

This week we focus on Seeing and Hearing Jesus for who he really is.

What was most helpful/impactful in this week's sermon?

1. **Mark 7: 31-36 Healing deaf/mute man** A. How do you explain the disciples living with Jesus yet still not getting him? B. Have you ever found yourself begging for something/ someone? C. Has anyone(not your child) begged from you? D. Have you ever been desperate for God?
2. **Mark 8: 1-13: Feeding of 4,000 Gentiles** A. What is the significance of Jesus having compassion, feeding, healing Gentiles? B. How does compassion grow and develop in you for people who are different? C. Why does God make people so different? D. Like Jesus, how do you treat people differently than culture expects? Why? E. Here-Jesus walks away from controversy-What lessons can we draw given our current fractured culture?
3. **...Mark 8: 14-21 Bad Yeast** A. What are some current examples of Bad Yeast? B. What cultural/religious yeast do you struggle with avoiding?
4. **Mark 8: 27-30 Who do people say I am?** A. Why would Jesus ask this question-insecurity, political polling, etc? 2. What are some of the popular versions of Jesus currently? 3. Why does He constantly tell followers **NOT** to spread the news?
5. **Mark 8: 31.33 Jesus-The Suffering King** A. Where did the Jewish people get their wrong view/expectations of the Messiah? B. How is a distorted view of Jesus idolatry?
6. **Princes and Princesses- But Never Kings.**

- a. We are in the Royal Family but can we please and gratify ourselves? Specifically, when has God interfered with your desires?
- b. What has God done to make you hear and see Christ more clearly?
- c. Like Christ- how is it that we too suffer and are headed to a cross?
- d. Is there an area of your life in which you are in need of a second touch from Jesus?

REFLECT

- Reflect and Discuss: one specific way I hear and see Jesus more clearly today.

PRAY

- Pray for each other's need to hear and see Christ more clearly
- Follow up on past prayer requests.
- Pray for the tests and suffering you are and will be facing as Christ-followers. .