

Sunday Sermon Questions • 11/24/2024

Mark 8 : 1-13

Jesus demonstrates compassion for the crowd, even though they were Gentiles. How does this example challenge us to extend compassion to people we might overlook or feel uncomfortable reaching out to?

The disciples questioned Jesus' intention to feed the Gentiles, and the Pharisees demanded a sign. How do these responses reflect different kinds of spiritual blindness? In what ways can we guard against similar attitudes in our own lives?

The sermon mentions the challenge of asking for signs versus walking by faith. How can we grow in trusting God's plan and timing, even when we can't see the full picture? What practical steps can we take to strengthen our faith in God's goodness?

When Jesus asked the disciples, "How many loaves do you have?" He invited them to participate in His miracle. How does God invite us to partner with Him in His work today, and how can we respond with faith and obedience?

The Gentiles eagerly followed Jesus, while the Pharisees questioned and tested Him. What does this contrast teach us about approaching Jesus with humility versus pride? How can we cultivate a heart posture that is eager to receive from Him?

The Gentiles followed Jesus for three days without food, demonstrating deep hunger for His teaching. How can we prioritize our relationship with Jesus, even when it requires sacrifice? What practical changes can we make to show this level of commitment?

Prayer Prompt:

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your unwavering compassion for all people, regardless of their background or circumstances. Help me to see others as You see them, and fill my heart with the same gut-wrenching compassion You displayed for the crowd in need. Forgive me for the times I doubt Your provision or struggle to trust in Your goodness.

Open my eyes to the ways You are at work in my life and around me, even when I cannot see the full picture. Teach me to walk by faith and not by sight, and give me the courage to partner with You in sharing Your love with those who might feel undeserving or overlooked. Strengthen my trust in Your plan and empower me to reflect Your grace and kindness to the world. Amen