

Sunday Sermon Questions • 1/5/2025

Mark 8 : 13-21

Faith and Provision: Jesus reminded the disciples of the times He miraculously provided for them. Reflect on a time in your life when God provided for you in a way you didn't expect. How does remembering His faithfulness in the past help strengthen your faith in the present?

Spiritual Blindness: Jesus asked the disciples, "Do you still not see or understand?" What are some ways we might miss what God is doing in our lives because we are focused on worldly concerns or distractions? How can we cultivate spiritual awareness?

Guarding Against "Yeast": Jesus warned the disciples about the "yeast" of the Pharisees and Herod. What modern influences (e.g., legalism, hypocrisy, materialism) pose similar spiritual dangers in our lives today? How can we guard against them?

Self-Reflection and Repentance: The sermon encourages us to reflect on ways the enemy might infiltrate our hearts and lives. What specific areas of your life might be vulnerable to worldly influences or sin? How can you invite God to protect and transform those areas?

Prioritizing Heart Change: As the new year begins, we often focus on external resolutions. How can we shift our focus toward spiritual growth and drawing closer to God? What practical steps can you take this year to prioritize matters of the heart over outward achievements?

Prayer Prompt:

Take a moment to quiet your heart and invite God to speak to you.
Begin your prayer with this prompt:

Father, I come before You recognizing my need for Your guidance and grace. Reveal to me the areas of my life where I have been distracted by worldly concerns or influenced by things that pull me away from You. Help me to trust in Your faithfulness and provision, even when I cannot see the path ahead. Guard my heart against the traps of legalism, hypocrisy, materialism, and immorality. Fill me with Your Spirit, so my heart and mind are aligned with Your truth. As I walk into this new year, may I grow closer to You and be a light for Your glory.