Assignments on Mark 8

Please read Mark 8 and answer the following questions.

- 1. What concern did Jesus express about the multitude that He was teaching 8:1-3?
- 2. What concern did the disciples express about the situation 8:4? What does their concern demonstrate about the problems involved in feeding these people?
- 3. What did Jesus ask them in response 8:5? What answer did they give? What else did they have according to verse 7?
 - 4. What did Jesus do with the food -8:6,7?
- 5. What did He do before distributing the food? What lesson should we learn from this practice?
 - 6. How well did this meet the people's needs 8:8? How many fragments were left over?
 - 7. How many people ate 8:9? Where else had Jesus done a similar miracle?
- 8. Explain how the specific information given here demonstrates that this was a miracle impossible by natural law.
 - 9. Where did Jesus go then -8:10? What request was made of Him -8:11?

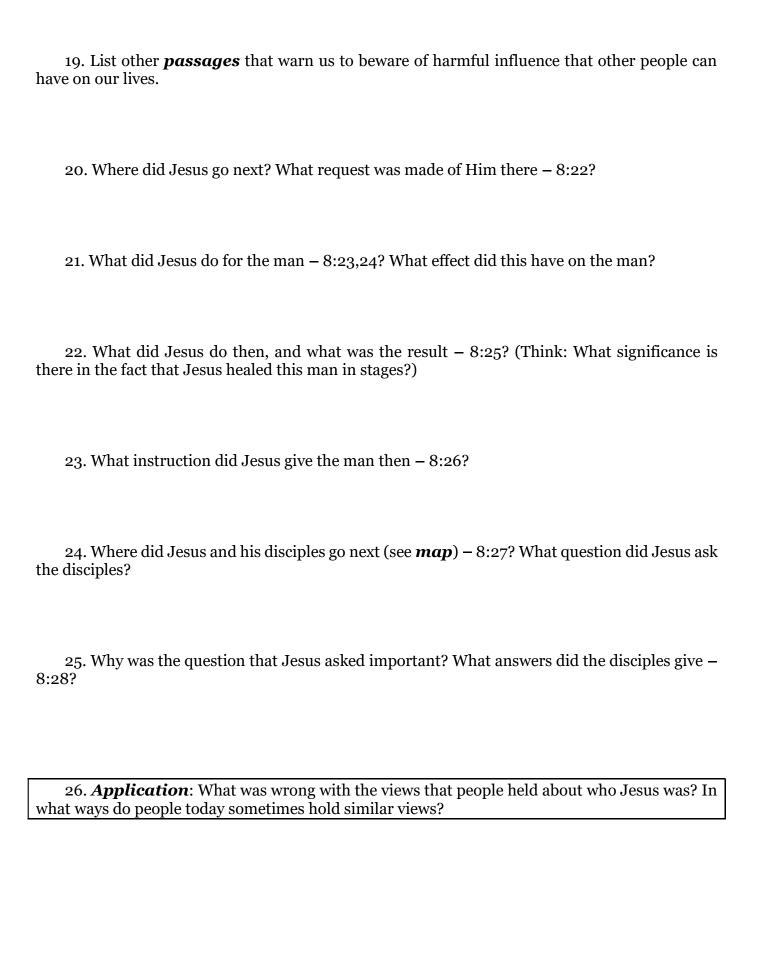
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10. How did Jesus respond to the request – 8:12? Where else do we read further information about this kind of request? 11. **Special Assignment:** Why would Jesus refuse to give these people a sign? Did He always condemn people for wanting miracles? Had these people seen any of His miracles? 12. Case Study: When we ask so-called faith healers to do miracles today to prove they have the power, they often cite passages like this to justify refusing. How would you respond? 13. As Jesus and his disciples were leaving, what mistake had the disciples made – 8:13,14? How much food did they have? 14. What instruction did He give – 8:15? In what way did they misunderstand – 8:16? 15. What questions did He ask them to help them understand that His statement had not been concerned primarily about physical food – 8:17-21? Explain the point. 16. Read the accounts of this event as recorded in Matthew and Luke. What explanation do they give for the real meaning of Jesus' statement? 17. List other **passages** where the word leaven is used to illustrate the danger of error.

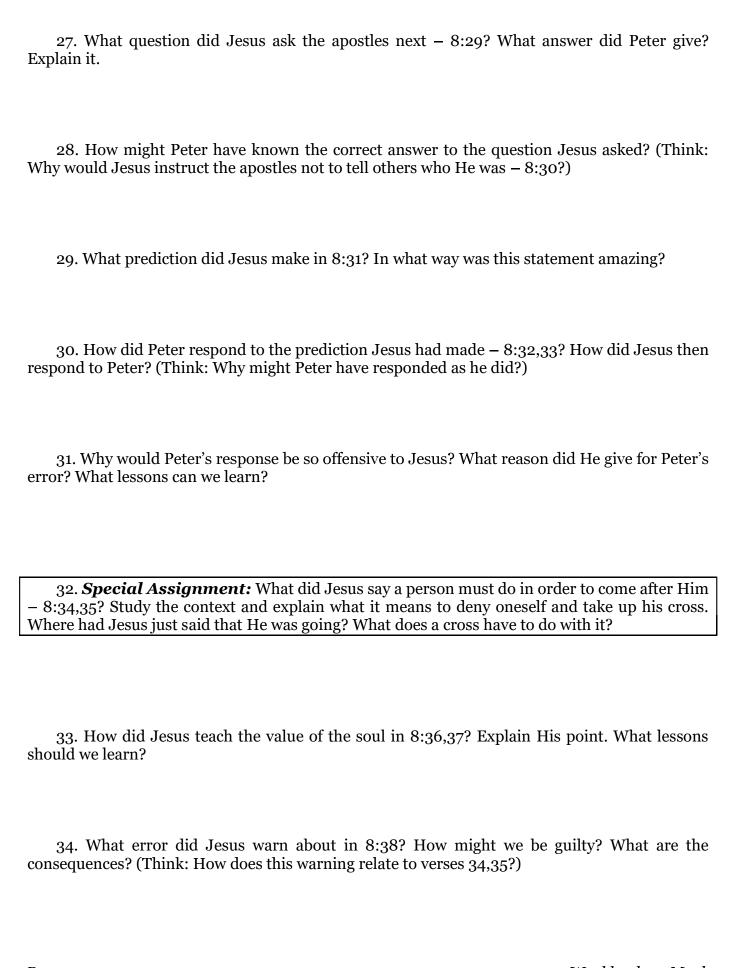
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18. **Application**: List several ways that false teaching and error can properly be compared to

leaven.



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