

## Mark / Chapter 8

### Short Summaries

The disciples gather food to share with Jesus, but when they only have seven loaves of bread and a few fish, Jesus asks them to bring it to him. He then blesses the food and feeds 4,000 people with it.

In Mark 8, Jesus feeds a large crowd with just a few loaves of bread and fish. Afterwards, Jesus sternly warns his disciples not to be afraid of the religious leaders.

### Summaries

In chapter 8 of the book of Mark, Jesus feeds a large crowd of people with only a small amount of food. He then teaches his disciples about the importance of having faith.

About one year after Jesus fed the 4,000, he was traveling with his disciples through the region of Caesarea Philippi. He asked them who people said he was, and they replied with a variety of answers. Jesus then asked the disciples who they said he was, and Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." Jesus warned the disciples not to tell anyone about this, because he knew he must first suffer and die before he could enter into his glory.

### Application Questions

What is the yeast of the Pharisees and Herod?

How did Peter declare that Jesus is the Messiah?

What did the sign say that was placed above Jesus on the cross?

What blind man was healed by Jesus in Bethsaida?

What did Jesus say about his impending death?

How many people were fed by Jesus in this miracle?

What did Jesus say about having faith the size of a mustard seed?

What is the way of the cross?

### Exegetical Questions

How can we apply Jesus' instruction to "take up our cross and follow him" in our own lives?

What does Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah reveal about him?

What does Jesus' prediction of His death indicate about His understanding of His mission?

What implications does Jesus' teaching about the cost of discipleship have for our lives today?

What do the disciples' reactions to Jesus' predictions reveal about their understanding of His mission?

How is the way of the cross foreshadowed in Jesus' words and actions in this chapter?

How is Jesus' healing of the blind man at Bethsaida significant?

What do the miracle of the feeding of the 4000 and the "yeast of the Pharisees and Herod" say about Jesus?

### **Observation Questions**

What do the people do when they see the miracles that Jesus has performed?

What does Jesus ask the disciples when He sees that they have only one loaf of bread left?

What do the disciples say to Jesus when they see the crowds coming?

What does Jesus do when He takes the five loaves and two fish from the boy?

What does Jesus say will happen to Him when He goes to Jerusalem?

How does Jesus respond to the disciples when they say that the people are hungry?

How does Peter answer Jesus when He asks if the disciples have any faith?

What do the people do when they have eaten their fill?

### **Group Discussion Questions**

Why do you think Jesus chose to heal the blind man at Bethsaida?

What do you think is the significance of Jesus using the yeast of the Pharisees and Herod as an analogy?

What do you think was the significance of Jesus predicting His own death?

What do you think was going through Peter's mind when he declared that Jesus was the Messiah?

What do you think is the significance of Jesus journey to the cross?