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**Lesson 13 – Do You Not Yet Understand ?**

**Mark 7 :31 – 8 :21**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you
in your Christian walk?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you
apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mark 7:31-37**

*Please pray before beginning your study. A possible verse to pray is I John 5:20. Father, thank You that the Son of God has come and has given me understanding, so that I may know Him who is true. (1 John 5:20)*

3. Who did the people bring to Jesus and what did they want Jesus to do?

4. Using verses 33-35, describe what is different about this healing from earlier healings? (Hint: Jesus’ actions)

5. ***Personal Question:*** Are you willing to accept Jesus’ timing and methods of spiritual and physical healing in your life?

6. **Personal Question**: (a)Why do you think Jesus sighed as He looked at this suffering man?

(b)As Jesus sighed, He looked up to heaven and spoke out loud “Be opened.” From Genesis to Revelation, God’s Word demonstrates the power of speaking out our prayers to Him. Using the following verses, answer these questions:

—Hebrews 5:7- How did Jesus pray?

—Luke 11:2a- when the disciples asked Jesus to pray, what were his first words?

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7. ***Thought Question:*** The people were amazed and said He did all things well. What do you think was their focus? Would their focus be the reason he would not want to tell others about Him?

*Apply this day:**Thank God that through Jesus you can have your spiritual deafness and blindness healed by His Word. Pray out loud and confess any places in your life where you need His healing touch.*

**Day 3 – Read Mark 8:1-10**

*Please pray before beginning your study.*

9. Similar to the feeding of the 5000 in Mark 6, a crowd had gathered around Jesus and had nothing to eat. In verses 2 & 3, what was Jesus’ emotional response to the crowd’s need in this passage, and why is His response different?

10. What question did His disciples answer Jesus with in verse 4? Does this surprise you?

11. ***Personal Question:*** Have you ever had God supply a need only to react with unbelief the next time you are faced with a similar situation?

What does Psalm 105:5 tell us to do? How can praying the prayer in Ephesians 1:17-23 help you?

12. a. How many loaves and fish were on hand?

 b. What did Jesus do before distributing the food?

 c. What was the outcome after the crowd ate the food?

13. ***Thought Question:*** a. What do you think Jesus was trying to teach His disciples about Himself when He had them record how little food they had in comparison to the size of the crowd?

b. What do Matthew 19:26 and Philippians 4:19 tell us God will do for us if we bring Him what we have?

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*Apply this day:**Do you see any needs around you that are impossible for you to meet? What limited resources do you have that Jesus can use? Offer those limited resources to Jesus and trust that He will multiply them?*

**Day 4 – Read Mark 8:11-13**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

14. What four things did the Pharisees do when interacting with Jesus in verse 11?

15. What was Jesus’ response to them in verse 12?

16. ***Thought Question:*** Matthew 12:38-41 can help us understand Jesus’ strong response to the Pharisees.

a. How does Jesus describe the Pharisee’s and why? (verses 38-39)

b. No other miraculous sign would be given to the Pharisees except for the sign of Jonah. What is it? (Verse 40)

c. According to verse 41, what had the men of Nineveh done that the generation of Pharisees had not done?

17. In Matthew 12:40, what is Jesus predicting?

18. ***Personal Question:*** Are you discontent with Christ’s revelation of Himself to you in Scripture, and as a result seeking miracles or signs for Him to prove Himself to you? How can Proverbs 3: 5-6 help you?

*Apply this day: Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33) Don’t be focused on the miracles. Seek God wholeheartedly through Christ, then all these things will added to you.*

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**Day 5 – Read Mark 8:14-21**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

19. Upon what pressing physical need are the disciples focused?

20. ***Thought Question:*** In verse 15, Jesus cautions the disciples about the “leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” *Leaven was well known by the disciples as a substance added to dough when making bread that made it ferment and rise.* What does Jesus mean by the metaphor of leaven? See 1 Corinthians 5:6 to help with your answer.

21. List the questions Jesus asks them in this passage to diagnose their problem. Which phrase does He repeat more than once?

22. What does the parallel account in Matthew 16:12 tell us the disciples understood?

23. ***Personal Question:*** Jesus is warning His disciples—and us—that false teaching of His Word exists. What do you need to do to guard yourself from false teaching that can thwart your understanding of God’s Word? See Proverbs 4:23 and Ephesians 4:12-15 to help you with your answer.

*Apply this day: Recognize the spiritual “leaven” of today, and guard yourself against its destructive influence in your life. I Corinthians 16:13 says “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.”*

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**Day 6 – Reread Mark 8 : 17-18 (SOAP)**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

**Scripture** – *Write the verses.*

**Observation** – *Record something you learned from these verses*. *Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** – *How can I apply these verses to my life?*

**Prayer** – *Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*