

Real Refreshment – The Podcast: Mark Study

Mark 8:1-38 : Opposition of the Servant

Begin by praying that God's Spirit will bless your time in His word, that He will teach you His truth, that He will meet you right where you are today as you seek Him. Next, read through the whole passage slowly. Try to step into the passage remembering that Mark is recounting real events as Peter told him.

Passage breakdown:

Mark 8:1-9

Describe the situation in verse 1.

Who did Jesus call to Himself?

What did He say to them?

How did He describe His attitude toward the crowd?

How long had the people been with Jesus?

What was His concern?

How did His disciples respond?

What did Jesus ask of the disciples?

What was their answer?

What did He direct the people to do?

What did Jesus do next?

Who did Jesus give the loaves to first?

Who did they give the loaves to next?

What other food item did they have?

What did Jesus do with what they had?

What resulted?

How many baskets of leftovers were gathered?

How many were fed?

What did Jesus direct the crowd to do after He fed them?

Go back and compare the feeding of the 5000 in Mark 6:33-44 to this passage of the feeding of the 4000. What similarities and differences do you note? What would you have expected to change between the two events since they are so similar?

Mark 8:10-12

Where did Jesus and His disciples go next?

Who came to argue with Him?

What were they seeking?

What were they attempting to do to Him?

How did Jesus respond?

What did He say?

Would they receive what they were seeking?

Mark 8:13-21

What happened next?

What had the disciples forgotten?

What warning did Jesus give them?

What were they concerned about?

What did Jesus ask them?

Based on what had just happened at the beginning of this chapter, how is this odd?

What did Jesus ask them about their hearts?

What did He ask them to remember?

What two events did He review for them?

What did He ask them afterward?

Mark 8:22-26

Where did they go next?

Who was brought to Him?

What was requested?

Where did Jesus take him?

What did He do next?

What question did Jesus ask the man?

How did the man respond?

Then what did Jesus do?

What resulted?

For further study, compare and contrast this miracle healing with the one we studied in Mark 7:31-37

Mark 8:27-30

Where did Jesus and His disciples head to next?

How did He question them along the way?

How did they respond?

What question did Jesus ask of the disciples specifically?

Which disciple answered?

What did he say?

What warning did Jesus give them?

Mark 8:31-33

What did Jesus teach the disciples next?

How was He stating this prophecy?

Who took Jesus aside in protest?

How did Jesus respond to this rebuke?

Whose interests were to be focused on?

Mark 8:34-38

Who joins Jesus and His disciples?

What are the three steps for a Jesus follower?

What ought to be the expectations regarding a follower's life?

What is the warning against being ashamed of Jesus?

Again, here's the only "immediately" verse in this week's passage. Note what action takes place immediately:

8:10

Take some time to read back over the passage and your notes. Are there parts of this passage that stand out to you? Pray that God will continue to teach you as you meditate on His word, the story of His Son, Jesus.

Consider this:

Define compassion.

Can you remember a time when you know the Lord had compassion on you?

Is there someone who needs your compassion?

Can you remember a time when you felt like you were facing a situation or circumstance that was very similar to a situation or circumstance you'd faced before? Describe it here.

Were you able to remember the lessons you learned the first time?

Do you understand what Jesus is teaching?

Do you have a hard heart?

Do you remember what He has done for you?

Who do you say Jesus is?

Do you sometimes get frustrated with Jesus because He doesn't do things the way you think He ought to do them? In other words, do you wrestle with His sovereignty? His goodness?

Are you more focused on the interests of man or of God?

Have you dared to deny yourself? How?

Have you dared to take up your cross? How?

How are you following Jesus?