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**Study Questions**  
*The Good News About Jesus According to Mark*  
**Learning to Understand**  
**Mark 8:1-26**  
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### **Opening Discussion**

1. As a group define who Jesus is in one sentence.
2. How would your definition be received by people in our culture?

Would they agree or disagree? Why?

### **Bible Study**

1. Review briefly what you've learned about Jesus from Mark 4:13-7:37.
2. Read Mark 8:1-10. What do we learn about Jesus in verses 1-3?

Does Jesus care about the everyday stuff in our lives? Compare Matthew 6:25-34.

3. What lessons were the disciples to learn from the feeding of the 4,000?
4. Read Mark 8:11-13. Why does Jesus not give the Pharisees a sign?

Compare their attitude with the Syrophenician woman and the people who brought the deaf man to Jesus in Mark 7. What are the differences?

How do we distinguish between the true seekers today and the antagonists? How should we respond to both?

5. Read Mark 8:14-21. Define the leaven of the Pharisees and Herod. Be sure to stay in the Gospel of Mark to do this.

Why is this leaven a concern for Jesus?

6. What prevents the disciples from hearing Jesus' warning?

In what ways do our concerns for "bread" distract us from really hearing and following Jesus? Compare again Matthew 6:25-34 and Hebrews 12:1, 2.

7. Read Mark 8:22-26. In what way does the healing of the blind man picture what is happening in the life of the disciples?

What is the big difference between the Pharisees, Herod and the disciples?

What do we learn from this?

## **Application**

1. What are the “bread” issues in your life that distract you from hearing Jesus and being about His work?
2. What will be necessary for you to avoid these distractions?
3. As followers of Christ how do we assure that we have eyes to see and ears to hear?

How can your LifeGroup help you with this?