



SESSION 7 | FEBRUARY 20, 2022

**READ** MARK 6:30–8:30.

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- Pay attention to (1) the power Jesus has over the brokenness in our world; (2) who or what is responsible for our sin; (3) the way that believers come to understand the truth of the gospel; (4) the way Jesus' power becomes clear in our minds.

**READ** MARK 6:30–44.

Jesus was in high demand during the time when He multiplied the fish and loaves to feed over 5,000 people. After his apostles returned from their missionary outing, they tried to get away for a break. But the crowds followed, and Jesus showed compassion for them.

- *How would you characterize Jesus' response to having his recharge time interrupted?*
- *He spends a full day teaching, then directs his followers to feed the hungry crowd. How did the apostles' attitude differ from their master's?*

**READ** MARK 6:45–56.

- *What parts of the created world does Jesus display mastery over?*

**READ** MARK 7:1–23.

The Pharisees prove yet again that Jesus' miracles and teaching have not made an impact on their own thinking. Note the timing of their complaint about the disciples' unwashed hands.

- *Why does Jesus rebuke the Pharisees in 7:6–13? In what ways are they hypocrites?*
- *Consider your own righteousness. In what ways have you added to the gospel, like the Pharisees did?*

**READ** MARK 8:1–10.

- *In what ways is this miracle of feeding the four thousand similar and different to feeding the five thousand in Mark 6:30–44?*

## SESSION GOALS

**Main Idea:** Jesus' power as creator renews and restores what sin and darkness broke.

**Head Change:** To understand Jesus' character and mission.

**Heart Change:** To feel excited at Jesus' ability to equip us to follow him.

**Life Change:** To live in light of our knowledge of who Jesus is and what he's about.

## READ MARK 8:11–21.

After reiterating the results of his miracles, Jesus asks, “Do you not yet understand?” You can almost feel the sadness and confusion coming off the page: How can the disciples still not understand who Jesus is?

- *In what ways have you responded to Jesus in a similar way?*
- *Do you live in a way that exhibits a clear understanding of who Jesus is and what He’s done for you? Explain.*

## READ MARK 8:22–30.

Notice that we’ve seen throughout the whole passage that it takes two intentional actions on Jesus’ part for the blind man to see clearly. After restoring sight to the blind man at Bethsaida, Jesus asks His disciples an important question.

- *What does He hope his disciples see clearly? Do they?*
- *In what ways do you feel you see Jesus more clearly now after spending a few weeks in the gospel of Mark? How does this passage increase your understanding of Him and His mission?*

## TO TAKE WITH YOU AS YOU GO

*(Consider using this to guide your prayer as you close your time together)*

Throughout our passage this week, Jesus has been teaching the disciples important lessons about not only what He’s doing in the world, but also how He wants them to live. Mark gives us a repeated set of stories to double-down on the point—discipleship is all about living the way Jesus lived. But living in faithful obedience to Jesus starts with surrendering our hearts to Him. It’s not so much about what we do, but more about the condition of our hearts.

**Have you allowed Jesus to change your heart? What areas of your life are you still holding on to?**

