

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What is your favorite desert?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. The passage we will read happened after the second time Jesus fed a huge crowd with nothing but a few fish and pieces of bread. In spite of these miracles, the Pharisees confronted Jesus, demanding that He show them a miraculous sign. Notice that Jesus asks His disciples *eight* questions.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage two times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get two people to read **Mark 8:11-21**. **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - Jesus mentioned yeast and the disciples immediately started arguing about bread. What do you think the disciples may have been arguing about?
 - What could the disciples have chosen to do to clarify what Jesus meant by “the yeast of the Pharisees”?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - How much bread did they have? If Jesus multiplied that loaf in the same proportion that He did when He fed 5,000 people with five loaves, how much bread would they have?
 - How do you think Jesus felt about His disciples at that moment?
 - What do you think Jesus was trying to teach His disciples and what is He saying to you?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

** If there are no new people, you can skip the “icebreaker.”*
*** Reading from different translations often helps.*