

# The Gospel of the King

## Seeing Without Understanding

### Mark 8:14-21 (ESV)

#### OBSERVATIONS

The topic of \_\_\_\_\_ dominates this passage...

Since the disciples brought up the topic of bread, Jesus decided to teach them a \_\_\_\_\_ about the leaven of the Pharisees and Herod. (v15)

Leaven is often used in Scripture to indicate \_\_\_\_\_.

The Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herodians had one thing in common: \_\_\_\_\_.

The leaven of the Pharisees:

The leaven of the Sadducees:

The leaven of Herod:

If the disciples were going to effectively carry on the mission of Jesus, they needed to understand their \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus wanted to teach the disciples a spiritual lesson, but they went right back to discussing \_\_\_\_\_. (v.16)

The disciples were anxious about lack of bread, but Jesus was concerned about their lack of \_\_\_\_\_. (v.17-21)

Questions to consider:

Might there be something you don't understand that Jesus is trying to get across to you?

Are you allowing the cares of this world to rob you of life-giving truth?

Are you on guard against the evils that can destroy you?

What are you forgetting that Jesus wants you to remember?

The disciples \_\_\_\_\_ what Jesus was teaching them! (Mt. 16:11-12)

#### APPLICATION

We are in a better position to understand spiritual truth than the disciples were. We have at least three things that they did not at this point in Mark's gospel.

We have the \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, we should...

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We have access to \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 2:16) Therefore, we should...

We can pursue the mind of Christ by pursuing Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

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#### CONCLUSION

We can optimize our \_\_\_\_\_ by digging deeper into the gospel, walking in the Spirit, and pursuing the mind of Christ.