



## Mark: Following Jesus Immediately- Spiritual Amnesia

**Introduction:** The disciples at times had to see the same lesson repeatedly to understand what Jesus was trying to teach them. Sometimes we seem to be quick to forget what Jesus has shown us as well.

### Discussion Questions

1. If you had to choose between being “thick headed” and “hard hearted” which would you choose? Is one harder to “cure” than the other?
2. Read **Mark 8:1-10** What do you make of their asking Jesus where they could get enough food? What are the similarities between this and the feeding of the 5,000 in Mark 6?
3. Read **Mark 8:11-13** What are the Pharisees wanting? What can you learn from Jesus just leaving them?
4. Read **Mark 8:14-21** Why do you think the disciples think Jesus is talking about bread? How does Jesus correct them? Does Jesus calling them “dull” fit your picture of Jesus?
5. Why does Jesus use the metaphor of yeast to caution the disciples of the teaching or actions of both the Pharisees and Herod? What are some things that would be considered the “yeast of the Pharisees?”
6. What are the things that we should associate with Herod that need to be avoided? What are some of the practices of Herod that the church has struggled with to this day? How can you work against having “spiritual amnesia,” the forgetting what God has done in your life?

**Shaping Your Mind** – *Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod. Mark 8:15*

**Moving Forward** – Reject the idea of using the power of the world to pursue the power of the kingdom.