
Date: June 11, 2023 **Message:** Do You Still Not Understand?

Series: Gospel of Mark **Scripture:** Mark 8:1-26

What we don't understand:

Why we don't understand:

How we overcome our lack of understanding:

1. Which subjects did you enjoy in school? Which subjects required a lot of instruction and assistance before you "got it"?
2. How is the struggle to understand something academically similar to, or different from, the struggle to understand something spiritually or to see who Jesus is more clearly?
3. What are some examples in this Scripture passage of how the Pharisees struggled to "get" what Jesus was doing and teaching, or of how the disciples also struggled to "get" it?
4. How is Jesus' compassion and concern for the physical needs of the crowd (vv. 1-8) indicative of His concern for our spiritual state?
5. Why do you think Jesus was so frustrated over the Pharisees' request for a "sign" from him (vv. 11-12)?
6. What was Jesus trying to put the disciples on guard against in warning them about the "yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod" (v. 15)?
7. What is the significance of Jesus healing the blind man in this passage in two stages, instead of just doing it immediately? How might it have been an encouragement for the disciples? How is it encouraging for you?
8. What does this passage teach is the remedy for "spiritual blindness" or our lack of understanding? Why is this true?