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Mark 8:1-21

The Good News: A Sermon Series through the Gospel of Mark
The Good News of a Persistent Messiah

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Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember?"

Mark 8: 17-18

4 Take Aways:

1. Faith must center on Jesus.
2. Faith is more than being present with Jesus; faith is the active engagement you have with Jesus.
3. Doubt is not opposite of faith, doubt is faith at work.
4. We will never get all the way there but Jesus will always be with us.

The Good News. . .
Jesus enters our mess and stays.

Did you watch the Superbowl? Were you more aware of the chaos before each play because John talked about it in the sermon?

READ Mark 8:1-21

What do you think the disciples were feeling and thinking through the different stages of this story?

8:1-10

8:11-13

8:14-21

Read versus 17 and 18 (to left). Take an honest look at yourself. Around what circumstance in your life right now might Jesus ask these questions of you? This might be a situation where you are feeling chaos or doubt. Where there doesn't seem to be easy answers but you wish there was.

Talk about what is coming to mind.

Which of these questions is most applicable?

How can your group help remind you of Jesus' faithfulness or help you see his perspective so that you can remain centered on Jesus in the midst of the mess?

Discuss each of the 4 take aways to the left. What does it mean? How does it impact you?

In what ways do you try to control your environment?

How do you wrestle with the tension between wanting control and letting Jesus be in control?

What bothers you most about this tension, chaos, messiness?

Read "The Good News" statement to the left. How can you communicate this truth to others in your life through actions and words?

PRAY TOGETHER!