



Mariner's **DISCOVERY** **Church**

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Program for Sunday, May 21, 2023

Call to Worship Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy,*

Call to Worship: *We Fall Down*

Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

- **Welcome and Thanks for joining us today!!!!**
- **The Weekly Bible Study is not meeting this week.** We will be studying Faith, Fear, Worry, Hope in a week and a half. We will meet in the residential green house at the property at 1641 Bixler Road, on Wednesday May May 31 at 6:00 PM
- **Attention Ladies,** Please mark your calendar for Saturday June 3, at 9:00 AM for breakfast at La Fuente Restaurant, 642 First St. Brentwood.
- **Attention Gentlemen,** Please mark your calendar for Saturday June 3, at 9:00 AM for breakfast at Jalisco's 8335 Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood
- **We have another fundraiser.** We are collecting sneakers in any (yes, any!) condition. There is a garbage can lined with a black bag in the carport of the green house on the property. Please put your sneakers in there.
- **The "GoFundMe" fundraiser website for MDC has been updated** for the Property Building Project. It is going well. If you're interested in donating please go to our website: www.OurMDC.org and click on the link. **You can also pick up a few business cards at the back table with the QR code to share with family & friends.**
- **Please pick up Connect Cards/Envelopes** in the back for offerings, prayer requests and place it in one of the offering boxes. **Please note,** for pledge card donations, please mark your gift "BF" or "Building Fund."
- **Thank you for your continued financial support of MDC.**
- **Please contact us** for any needs, suggestions, or prayer requests:
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Adoration: *10,000 Reasons*
Way Maker

Message: *The New King deals with others' blindness.*

Response/Invitation: *How He Loves*

Assurance/Sending: *How Great Is Our God*

Close of Service

Message Notes:

Friday Devotional: Romans 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.

Scripture	Truth	Privilege	Responsibility
2 Corinthians 5:11-21	I have His righteousness	I am a new Creation and I have a new start	I am an Ambassador for God.
1 John 1:1-10	I have fellowship with God and other believers.	Light from God.	Confess my sins. Walk in the Light.
Romans 8:5-17	Jesus live ins me through the Holy Spirit.	Life and peace. Comfort and hope.	Live by the Spirit.

Overview Mark 7:31-37

- Jesus travels from one Gentile area to another.
- People brought a deaf man with a speech impediment.
- Jesus touches the man's ears, and the man's tongue.
- Jesus sighs. Jesus looks to heaven.
- Jesus says, "Be open!"
- The man could hear and speak plainly.
- Jesus tells the man to be quiet about it.
 - Irony: Initially, this man is permitted to speak, but cannot. Now he is not permitted to speak but he can.

Takeaways Mark 7:31-37

- Salvation comes to the Jews first, then to the Gentiles.
- Sometimes we have to have the faith for our friends and family to bring them to Jesus.
- There is power in a simple honest witness of a life change.
- Our testimony can change the reputation of Jesus.
- Accept that Jesus is willing to touch our point of hurt and shame intimately in order to heal us.
- Story is incomplete without the crucifixion, and resurrection.

Overview Mark 8:1-10

- Jesus and the disciples travel from one Gentile region in northwest Israel to a Gentile region in southeast Galilee.
- The large Gentile crowd (4,000 men plus women and children) stayed for 3 days.
- Jesus tells disciples that He feels compassion for the crowd.
- Jesus has them sit down on the ground.
- Jesus used the loaves and fish and fed the crowd.
- When Jesus and the disciples are done, Jesus leaves the area.
- All similar to the feeding of the 5,000 but there are differences.

Takeaways Mark 8:1-10

- God is compassionate and demonstrates that to us.
 - We love because Jesus first loved us.
 - We need to see others as lost children for whom Jesus died.
 - Our motive matters (Love or rules). Love is a verb.
- There is no natural solution for the feeding of the 4,000.
- People give glory to the God of Israel.
 - Why does the God of Israel reach out to me? Because He loves me.

Mark 8:11-13 The Pharisees came out and began to argue with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, to test Him. 12 Sighing deeply in His spirit, He said, "Why does this generation seek for a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation." 13 Leaving them, He again embarked and went away to the other side.

Matthew 16:1-4 The Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Jesus, they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven. 2 But He replied to them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair

weather, for the sky is red.' 3 "And in the morning, 'There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the times? 4 "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and a sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah." And He left them and went away.

Matthew 12:38-40 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." 39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; 40 for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Overview Mark 8:11-13

- Pharisees and Sadducees come to argue with Jesus.
- They want Jesus to do a sign on command.
 - What Satan did to tempt Jesus.
 - Sign is something done that validates the authority.
 - Belief: Heavenly sign God does. Earthly sign Satan does.
- Jesus sighed deeply. Jesus is disappointed in them.
- No sign for that generation., except the sign of Jonah.
 - Sign of Jonah: belly of the sea monster for 3 days and nights.
 - Points to death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - The historicity of the resurrection is one of the best proofs of Christianity.

Takeaways Mark 8:11-13

- Jesus will not bless stubborn unbelief.
- Jesus meets us in our doubt.
 - I believe. Help me in my unbelief.
 - Mark 9: Father of boy with a demon.
- Humility matters when searching for the truth.
- Follow the evidence.
- Take the next step.
- Whatever the hurdle is for your first step of faith to Jesus, do not be surprised if every "next step" is a variation of the same hurdle.

Mark 8:14-21

14 And they had forgotten to take bread, and did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them. 15 And He was giving orders to them, saying, "Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." 16 They began to discuss with one another the fact that they had no bread. 17 And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you discuss the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a hardened heart? 18 "HAVING EYES, DO YOU NOT SEE? AND HAVING EARS, DO YOU NOT HEAR? And do you not remember, 19 when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces you picked up?" They said to Him, "Twelve." 20 "When I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of broken pieces did you pick up?" And they said to Him, "Seven." 21 And He was saying to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

Matthew 16:11 "How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 12 Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Luke 12:1 Under these circumstances, after so many thousands of people had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

Overview Mark 8:14-21

- Jesus and the disciples leave abruptly in a boat.
- Disciples notice they only have one loaf of bread.
- Jesus warns them about the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees
 - Leaven of Pharisees and Sadducees is their teaching and their hypocrisy.

- Jesus warns them about the leaven of Herod.
 - Herod: swayed by his emotions and pride.
- Leaven is the little thing that affects the whole loaf.

Takeaways Mark 8:14-21

- Be alert for the the small compromise (leaven) that puts a crack in your character, through which the world, your flesh, and the devil will seek to get a handhold.
 - Religious hypocrisy.
 - Obeying the small things, and disobeying the big things.
 - Pride: How do I look?
 - Ungodly ambition
 - Emotional expediency

Mark 8:22-27 And they came to Bethsaida. And they brought a blind man to Jesus and implored Him to touch him. 23 Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, "Do you see anything?" 24 And he looked up and said, "I see men, for I see them like trees, walking around." 25 Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and began to see everything clearly. 26 And He sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

Overview Mark 8:22-27

- Cross the lake. Arrive at Bethsaida
- Friends/ family brought a blind man to Jesus
 - Likely not blind from birth.
- Jesus takes the blind man by the hand and leaves town.
- Jesus spits on the blind man's eyes, lays hands on the blind man.
- Jesus asks, "Do you see anything?"
- Formerly blind man's Reply: I see men like trees, walking around.
- Jesus lays hands on man.
- Formerly blind man's sight restored. Two stage healing is only here.
- Jesus tells formerly blind man to go home and not enter the village.
- Jesus has already pronounced judgment on Bethsaida.

Takeaways Mark 8:22-27

- Sometimes as a friend or family person, we need to have faith for the person suffering.
- Jesus uses touch to communicate. Jesus is personal.
- We should obey, expecting God to respond.
- Sometimes healing is a process.
- Sometimes enlightenment is a process.
- Growth in our relationship to Jesus is a process.
- Trust God for the process.

The New King deals with others' blindness

- None so blind as those who choose not to see.
 - Pharisees, Sadducees, Herod.
 - Blindness can become permanent, then eternal.
- God has given enough evidence for initial faith.
- Pivot in Jesus ministry from public to private (the 12).
- Disciples are seeing, learning, and understanding more about Jesus and His mission.
- Sometimes healing is a process.

You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.

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