

DISCUSSION IDEAS

TAKE TWO

Mark 8:1-26

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SPIRITUAL DEAFNESS – SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

- ♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: BLINDNESS OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS.**
Skipping ahead to Mark 8:11-12, what were the Pharisees trying to prove?
Consider Deuteronomy 18:15-22 and 13:1-5.
Look at John 1:21 and 25. The title "The Prophet" is directly from Moses prophecy in Deuteronomy.
Since the Pharisees did not believe that the Messiah would be BOTH God and Man, how did these Deuteronomy passages bias their actions?
How did their rejection of Jesus' Deity fit into God's plan for Jesus to suffer and die for us?
- ♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: THE BLINDNESS OF THE DISCIPLES.**
Look at Mark 8:14-21. After just recently having taken part in the miracle of feeding the 5000++ and now having taken part in the feeding of the 4000, why did the disciples have trouble trusting that Jesus could do ANYTHING?
What were they not understanding?
Why were they pre-disposed to miss the fact of Jesus' Deity?
- ♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: JESUS' USE OF MIRACLES TO GET HIS POINT ACROSS.**
Now read Mark 8:1-9 and 8:22-26.
Discuss Jesus' patience, compassion and humility in both these miracles, especially in His treatment of the blind man.
How do these two miracles emphasize what Jesus says in v. 18. (Note: Jesus is repeating what the prophets had said in Jeremiah 5:21, Ezekiel 12:2, Isaiah 6:9 and Isa. 43:8.)
- ♦ **CHALLENGE:**
What is my excuse if I do not spend the time and effort to study the Word and understand God and His plan?
How do I deal with having been taught doctrines that disagree with a clear understanding of what the Word teaches?
What if I learned these from a well respected preacher, even one who had a Doctorate in Theology?
How can I know how to properly interpret what I read?
What resources are available to me?

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♦ **PRAYER:**

Let us be faithful in praying for our leaders, missionaries and fellow believers.

John and Bobbi Pearson are back from Spain, living in the USA now, and are looking to God for His next assignment.

The Ingvoldstads and Binders are with the Tagbanwa people:

- Ingvoldstads and Binders have a responsibility before God as to the raising of their children. At what point would God want them to leave the island?
- Pray for their health.
- How would the Tagbanwan Church continue to grow without foreign help?
- Pray for the selection and growth of Tagbanwan Elders.
- Pray for the transitions that will be required.