

## GO DEEPER

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What do you notice?

What is significant about this second feeding?

How does this feeding tie back to what the woman said in 7:28?

Why does it matter that the Kingdom is coming to the Gentiles too?

Why do the Pharisees come asking for a sign? Do people still do this?

What is wrong with asking for a sign from God?

How can you foster "open eyes" to see the things of God?

What are the leavens of the Pharisees and of Herod?

What are modern corollaries in our time and culture?

Why do the disciples remain so spiritually dull? Why don't they get it yet?

How do Jesus' questions help move them toward understanding?

What is it that Jesus expects them to understand?

The disciples are quick to forget the signs they have already seen. Have you ever forgotten what God has done for you in the past? How can you move from a posture of forgetfulness toward one of remembrance and trust?

Why is it important to interpret the strange healing of vs 22-26 in light of the larger literary context of Mark? What can this teach us for how we read and interpret scripture?

Why did some people think Jesus might be Elijah or Moses? Why might it be that no one identified Jesus as the Messiah?

In our world, who do people say Jesus is?

Who do you say Jesus is?

The disciples are clearly on a journey of faith. Why is it important to see that even they did not understand everything at first? What can we learn about our own faith journey by watching theirs?

Is there a specific place where Jesus is inviting you to see, hear, understand, and have faith in your own relationship with him?  
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