

To Perceive or Not to Perceive? Mark 7.31-8.26 Lead Pastor, Jace Cloud 7.23.23

Notes

1. The Miracle of the Deaf Hearing (7.31-37)

2. The Miracle of the Blind Seeing (8.22-26)

3. But...Do the Disciples Hear and See? (8.1-21)

1) Weekday Application Questions

- a) **EQUIP** How would you respond to someone who claimed the feeding of the five thousand (6:35–44) and the feeding of the four thousand (8:1–9) are really the same event reported twice by Mark (and Matthew)? What are the similarities? What are the differences?
- b) **ENGAGE** What is the significance of this feeding taking place in Gentile territory? How is Jesus' compassion and concern for the physical needs of the Gentile crowd indicative of His concern for our spiritual needs?
- c) EXALT The disciples constantly failed to understand what was happening, yet Jesus still worked in them and through them. How does it encourage you to know that God is faithful to you even when you are not faithful to Him (2 Timothy 2:11-13)?
- d) Here is your "One Thing" for this week: When facing a difficult situation, it's important to remember how God cared for you in the past in order to trust Him in the present/ future. Specifically, how can you remember God's mighty works from the past in order to trust Him in the present/ future?

