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Mark 8:11-22

1. Share something counter to God you learned from culture or family that you recognized and successfully unlearned.
2. Read Mark 8: 11-13. What was the underlying motivation of the Pharisees revealed by their question to Jesus? Why do you think Jesus responded so harshly to their question?
3. Kevin said, *“The work of discipleship is to learn how to live in the cruciform kingdom, from the cruciform messiah.”* Discuss what it means to live in the cruciform kingdom.
4. Read Mark 8:14-16. Kevin quoted Tim Gombis, “The yeast of the Pharisees and Herod is the self-orientation that seeks advancement, leadership that goes the way of self-promotion, and self-absorption that mistreats and exploits others.” What yeast in your life is challenged by Jesus?
5. Read verses 17-21. Jesus' strong rebuke of the disciples suggests that we will also lack understanding. If we have trouble figuring out how we need to be counter-formed by Jesus, where can we turn to learn better? How do worship, word, prayer, community, silence, and solitude in our everyday life help us learn?
6. Kevin brings out the theme that discipleship is breaking bread and blessing. Imagine a personal challenge in your life through the lens of breaking bread and blessing. How do God’s grace, mercy, and love toward you and His patience with you, help your understanding of obedience as a follower of Jesus?