

DISCUSSION GUIDE

A Warning From Jesus

The Gospel of Mark - Week 38

ICEBREAKER: What's weighing heavy on your heart these days?

OVERVIEW: A warning is something that we give to the people we love to protect them from harm. So when the all-knowing, all-loving Son of God gives us a warning, it is wise for us to pay attention. In Mark 8:11-15, Jesus warns His disciples two times in one verse. He said, "Watch out! Beware!" In this discussion we will go deeper with understanding and applying Christ's words to our lives.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Read Matthew 11:16-24.
 - a. Who did Jesus rebuke in this passage?
 - b. Why did He rebuke them?
 - c. What does this passage teach about miracles?
 - d. What does this passage teach about those who blame their rejection of Christ on a lack of evidence?
 - e. What does this passage teach about rejecting Christ?
 - f. How does this passage help us better understand hell (Hades)?

3. Read Mark 8:11-15. Why wouldn't Jesus give the Pharisees a sign?
4. In Mark 8:11-15, Jesus warned His disciples. What is a warning that you wish you would have paid attention to?
5. What is the yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod?
6. Of the following Bible characters who rejected God, which most surprises you? Which one are you the most like? Explain.
 - Pharaoh: He refused to obey God's command to set the Israelites free from their slavery in Egypt.
 - The Rich Young Ruler: He refused Jesus' command to sell all of His possessions and give the money to the poor.
 - Judas Iscariot: One of Jesus' original twelve disciples, He betrayed Jesus for money.
7. What are the different ways that people reject Christ? What are the dangers of rejecting Christ?
8. Are there any ways that you are rejecting Christ? Explain.
9. What can you do to make sure that you avoid rejecting Christ in the future?

The Last Word: It's one thing to believe in Jesus, to be a fan of Jesus, to think Jesus is cool, to sing songs to Jesus, to go to church, and it's another thing to give Jesus full control over your life. That's true Christianity.