

## Right in Front of You: The Gospel of Mark

*A study for Community Groups to use the week of May 31<sup>st</sup>*

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Series Guide** to complete foundational questions in the book for week 5 using the scripture below.

### **Week 16: Mark 8:1-21**

#### **Overview**

Mark doesn't just tell us what Jesus did; he shows us who Jesus is in a way that forces us to rethink the world we're living in and the stories we're being sold every day.

#### **Questions**

\*In the Series Guide you will find basic questions we want all to use as they begin to look at the passage. Questions such as; *Who have you had the opportunity to BLESS this week? What does this passage reveal about God? About people? About the life He has planned for us?* These additional questions relate to the passage specifically for your benefit.

- In Mark 8:17-21 Jesus challenges the disciples because they are worried about the bread after watching Him feed thousands of people. Why do you think the disciples struggled to trust Jesus despite everything they had already seen Him do? Where are you tempted to forget God's faithfulness in your own life?
- Mark 8:15 we see Jesus warns His disciples to watch out for the "yeast" of the Pharisees and Herod, a mindset that trusts in ourselves rather than God. What do you think Jesus means by this warning? In what area of your life are you most tempted to rely on yourself instead of depending on Him?
- Jesus keeps asking the disciples, "Don't you remember?" because remembering what God has done shapes how we trust Him today. What do you think Jesus wanted His disciples to understand from the miracles of feeding the thousands? How would believing that truth change the way you face current challenges?