The Patient Savior Mark 8:1-21 July 11, 2021

1. Another miracle of Christ multiplying food (1-10)

2. The hard-hearted unbelief of Christ's enemies (11-13)

3. A warning to Christ's disciples against unbelief (14-21)

Next week: Psalm 100

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

- 1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
- 2. What miracle did Jesus do in this passage? What similar miracle did Jesus do a short time before this?
- 3. What is a sign from heaven? Why did the Pharisees ask Jesus to give them a sign? What did this reveal about their hearts?
- 4. What had the disciples failed to learn from Christ's miracles?
- 5. Both the Pharisees and the disciples showed hardness of heart. What was different between them?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

- 1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
- 2. The Pharisees were testing Jesus (verse 11). What is the difference between testing God in faith, and testing Him in unbelief?
- 3. How can you relate to Christ's disciples in this passage?
- 4. The disciples understood and remembered Christ's miracles sufficiently to answer his questions in verses 19 & 20. But Christ indicated that they did not understand or remember (verse 17-18, 21). In what sense did they not understand or remember Christ's works?
- 5. Where does unbelief show itself in your life?
- 6. What does this passage reveal about Christ?
- 7. How can we grow in understanding and remembering God's works and words in a life-transforming way?
- 8. How should you apply this sermon this week?