

Read Mark 8:14-21

14 But the disciples had forgotten to bring any food. They had only one loaf of bread with them in the boat.

15 As they were crossing the lake, Jesus warned them, “Watch out! Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod.”

16 At this they began to argue with each other because they hadn’t brought any bread.

17 Jesus knew what they were saying, so he said, “Why are you arguing about having no bread? Don’t you know or understand even yet? Are your hearts too hard to take it in?”

18 ‘You have eyes—can’t you see? You have ears—can’t you hear?’ Don’t you remember anything at all?

19 When I fed the 5,000 with five loaves of bread, how many baskets of leftovers did you pick up afterward?” “Twelve,” they said.

20 “And when I fed the 4,000 with seven loaves, how many large baskets of leftovers did you pick up?” “Seven,” they said.

21 “Don’t you understand yet?” he asked them.

When Jesus and His disciples got back in the boat what did they realize (v. 14)? They had forgotten to bring enough bread to eat. **What did Jesus warn them about (v. 15)?** The yeast of the Pharisees and King Herod.

What does yeast mean? Yeast is an ingredient that is added to bread that makes the bread rise so it’s not just flat bread. But when Jesus talks about yeast in the Bible, yeast means sin or pride. Just like a little bit of yeast quickly spreads through the bread dough and causes the bread to rise, be careful that a little bit of the sin of the Pharisees doesn’t spread into your heart and mind and cause you to become like them.

What were the main sins of the Pharisees? Pride, hypocrisy, lying, thinking they were better than other people, not believing in Jesus, etc. **Have you ever committed any of the sins of the Pharisees?**

How did the disciples react to Jesus’ warning (v. 16)? They didn’t understand what He was talking about. They were arguing, probably about whose fault it was that they don’t bring enough bread.

Jesus read their minds (vv. 17-18b). What did He say to them? I’m not talking about bread that we eat. Are your hearts so hard that you don’t understand who I am?

What was Jesus asking them if they remembered (vv. 18b -20)? The time when they fed 5000 people with five loaves and two fish (6:30). Plus, the 4000 they had just fed.

What did Jesus mean when He said, “Do you still not understand?” (v. 21)? Even after I have explained everything to you, even after seeing first-hand the two feeding miracles.....do you still not understand that I am abundantly able to supply the needs of a handful of disciples in a boat? Do you still not understand who I am? That I am God?