

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Words, Works + Ways - Part 9

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Introduction

Jesus is always relevant to our current situation. Whether life is going smoothly or we are experiencing rough times, we need to take a long term perspective and trust in Jesus. At times we can find ourselves focusing on what is lacking in the present moment and looking through a short term window. We need to consider the bigger picture and see all that God has provided for us as a balance to the immediate challenges that we face.

Bible Passage

Mark 8:11-21

Discussion

1. Read Mark 8:11. Why did the Pharisees test Jesus? Have you ever tested God and asked for a sign? Was it any different to what the Pharisees did? What was the outcome?
2. Read Mark 8:4-16. Why did the disciples say they had none when they actually had one loaf? If you were in the boat, how would you react to Jesus' answer (Mark 8:15)?
3. What the disciples saw as a point of insufficiency was actually an opportunity for Jesus to teach. Is there something in your life that you feel a lack of at present? How might Jesus be trying to teach you through this?
4. How have you been doing in trusting Jesus with your circumstances lately?
5. Read Ephesians 3:20. What is it that God is able to do? What hinders you from putting your full trust in God?

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Respond

Jesus has our best interests at heart. Having faith and putting trust in His identity, authority and capacity is more than enough for us to be able to thrive and be the best version of ourselves. With the two people sitting next to you, tell each other the name of your current challenge. Take a quiet time of reflection to shift your mindset. Read Ephesians 3:20 one more time and then pray for one another.

This is the final edition of Going Deeper for 2019. Going Deeper will recommence on Monday 27 January 2020. God bless.