

## WHAT'S WRONG WITH US?

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- Imagine you're on a trip to an unknown destination, a place you've never been to before that's very deserted and away from everything. Your vehicle breaks down and there's no cell phone coverage and nobody around to help.
- Eventually, after walking and searching for many many miles, you find a little farmhouse, where the farmer has everything you need to get you on the road again and he helps you on your way.
- After finishing your business at the remote destination, on your way home, by some chance, your vehicle breaks down again, in the same place as before.
- Where's the first place you'd look for help? You'd probably go to the farmer who helped you before right?
- In **MARK 6:41-44**, Jesus feeds multitudes. In **MARK 8:8-9**, multitudes are fed again
- However, in **MARK 8:4**, the disciples ask a very strange question that reveals something about the nature of the human heart:

*"how are we supposed to find enough food for them here in the wilderness?"*

- The strange thing is that the disciples ask this question, even after the first miracle of the multitudes being fed. On top of it all, between these two miracles, Jesus walks on water!
- Why would they have any concerns about feeding needs again, knowing full well what Jesus is capable of?
- What is it about our hearts, that keeps us doubting or wondering about how to get out of difficult circumstances?
- Jesus teaches us things about our hearts in these two verses:

**MARK 6:52(NLT)** they still didn't understand the significance of the miracle of the multiplied loaves, for their hearts were hard and they did not believe.

**MARK 7:13(NKJV)** making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do

- Either, we've yet to see the miracles that God has ***already*** performed in our lives and be reminded of them, or there are traditions or mindsets that keep us from believing what God can do.
- It's important to note that Jesus had great care and concern for the well being of the people
- He has great care and concern for our well being too!

- Let's admit the condition of our hearts:

**JEREMIAH 17:9(NLTSE)** "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is

- Let's allow God to change us from the inside out:

**EZEKIEL 36:26(NLTSE)** And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.

### CARE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What would cause us to go back to someone or something, that has been helpful in the past?
2. What are some of the traditions or mindsets, that make God's word of no effect in our lives?
3. What conditions in your heart, need changing?