

# Southwest Life Groups

A Place to Belong...A Place to Transform

*Focus:* To simply remember Christ and to discuss what keeps us from living in this gratitude.

**Introduction:** A phrase I have heard a lot lately...Business is not of the devil, it is the devil.

- Spend some time talking about the chaotic pace of our culture.
- Assess what we give up in our marriages, families, and faith because of our pace of life.
- Compare the priorities we say we have versus the ones we want to have.
- In this busy world, how does not “remembering” Christ—who he is, what he is, and what he did—affect you?

**Text:** Mark 8:1-21

- Spend some time discussing what the disciples had already been a part of in their time with Christ before the feeding of the 4000.
- Read the text.
- Differentiate between Mark 6 (feeding of 5000) and Mark 8...why would he do the same miracle twice?
- Discuss your thoughts on this statement...the disciples had become used to being around Jesus.
- Reflect on what you think Jesus must have been thinking in vs. 14ff... “Don’t you guys remember who I am and what I am about!!!!?”

**Application:**

- In this chaotic life, do we really remember him day to day?
- When are you most likely to “forget”?
- Evaluate what you have learned from him when you do “remember”.
- Selfishness and “remembering” are polar opposites...compare the two.
- Describe a life that is immersed in gratitude for Christ.

**Remember:** What if you spent the last 15 or 20 minutes just being with Christ. You might show the end of The Passion of the Christ. You might read the crucifixion/resurrection story. You might revisit the Lord’s Supper. But instead of just talking about remembering, it could be amazing to actually remember.