



Mark: A Journey with Jesus | | Beware of Leavened Bread Mark 8:11-21

Moralism is the belief that the better I am the kinder God will be to me, and the more sinful I am the more judgmental God will be towards me.

- *How does practicing moralism prevent us from having a personal relationship with Jesus?*

Read Mark 8:11-21. Look at it in at least two different translations

- *What warning is Jesus giving to the disciples?*
- *What is the significance of the leavened bread and how is it connected to Passover?*

In verse 17, Jesus asks the disciples if their hearts are hardening. He's inquiring about the orientation of their inner being, looking at the center of who they are.

- *What does it mean for our hearts to harden?*
 - *Has anyone ever been through a season in their life where they felt like their heart had hardened? If so, please share with the group.*
- *As a believer, what can we do to prevent our hearts from hardening and what can do to help other believers from experiencing a hard heart?*

Look up Jeremiah 5:20-25 and read it aloud with the group. These verses describe people that have eyes to see and ears to hear yet choose not to follow God.

- *Why do you think we can have such a difficult time trusting in God and following Him when He is constantly showing Himself to us through His greatness?*

Follow this link to Brennan Manning's quote and read it to the group. <http://grclrk.co/SupposeMoment>

- *Do you feel like you run to God or away from God when you have sinned? Explain.*

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