

# marked

## HEARING EARS & SEEING EYES

*Mark 7:31 – 8:26*

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Miracles everywhere! (or not?)

*Mark 8:11-21*

The Backdrop (disciples who fail)

**The lesson series:** (from three boat stories)

*Mark 4:25-41*

1. Jesus has the power . . .

*Mark 6:45-52*

2. . .but that does not mean he will immediately remove every obstacle we face . . .

*Mark 8:14-21*

3. . .and he will not produce miracles-on-demand!

*Mark 7:31-37* Jesus Heals Deaf Ears

*Mark 8:1-10* The Feeding Miracle

*Mark 8:11-13* Pharisees Seek Signs

*Mark 8:14-15* Disciples Are Warned Against Seeking Signs

*Mark 8:16-21* Disciples Are Called to Understand the Feeding Miracles

*Mark 8:22-26* Jesus Heals Blind Eyes

### NEXT STEPS: THIS WEEK,

- During ordinary days, I will be grateful for all God's miracles.
- In the tough times, I will watch for God's presence and listen for God's voice.



**Lesson Aim:** To learn to live marked by the identity and way of Jesus.

**Prayer:** Open in prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to show you how to see God in all seasons of life.

**Icebreaker:** What was the highlight of your day or week?

1. Throughout the Gospel of Mark so far, Jesus has performed many miracles. What is one that stands out to you? How would you have responded if you had witnessed this miracle in person?
2. **Read Mark 8:15-19.** Why do you think the disciples continually struggled with putting their full faith in Jesus?
3. What is an area that you rely more on your own understanding and efforts than your faith in Jesus? How can we “Truly Hear and See” what Jesus is saying and showing us?
4. **Read Mark 8:11-12.** What was it that the Pharisees did that bothered Jesus? Is there a lesson we can learn from this?

5. Should we expect Jesus to perform miracles for us? What do you base your answer on?

6. Pastor Tim taught us that the way of following Jesus is not always paved with success, glory, or comfort, but may have suffering or rejection. How are we to react to those times? What should our attitude be?

7. One of Pastor Tim’s next steps was to be grateful for all of God’s miracles during “ordinary days”. What are “ordinary days”? What does this mean to you?

8. Why do you think people tend to go to God more during tough times than during easy days?

Spend some time in prayer asking God to show you his presence in both tough times and easy times.

**Weekly Memory Verse:**

*2 Corinthians 4:18. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*