

Newington '25 – 'A Year in the Gospels' together #23 (May 5-10)

May 5-10/ Day 1: Read Matthew 15:21-28:

Q. What is unusual about Jesus's interaction with this woman? Why does Jesus answer her request?

Q. What does this passage teach us about faith?

May 5-10/ Day 2: Read Matthew 15:29-31; Mark 7:31-37:

Q. Why do you think Jesus took the man away from the crowd? Why did he heal the man in this particular way?

Q. Why did Jesus tell them to not tell anyone what He had done? How did they respond?

May 5-10/ Day 3: Read Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9:

Q. How does this feeding compare and contrast with the previous one in Mark 6:30-44?

Q. How do you explain the disciples' lack of insight/ faith?

May 5-10/ Day 4: Read Matthew 16:1-4; Mark 8:10-12:

Q. Why do the religious leaders ask for a sign from heaven? What do you think they were hoping to see?

Q. Why does Jesus respond to them the way he does? How does he view them?

May 5-10/ Day 5: Read Matthew 16:5-12; Mark 8:13-16:

Q. Why are the disciples often so slow to understand Jesus? Why are we the same way?

Q. What was Jesus's point in the series of questions he asked them?

Q. What religious teaching do we need to be on guard against?

May 5-10/ Day 6: Study and Meditation – Consider the following questions: This week we have read of the people's responses to Jesus & how He responded to their faith, where He wants us to trust in Him.

Q. What is Jesus asking you to trust Him with right now? Q. What holds you back from trusting Him?

Q. What things may you need to surrender to His lordship in your life?

Q. Are there areas of your life (finances, time, relationships, etc.) where it is harder for you to trust God? Why?