

DANGEROUS

Matthew 16:1-12

I. Danger: SPIRITUAL ELITES - 16:1-4

II. Danger: FORGETFUL FOLLOWERS - 16:5-10

III. Danger: FALSE TEACHERS - 16:11-12

The Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Jesus, they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven. 16:1

“How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. 16:11-12

Life Group Study Questions

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1. Have you ever been around something extremely dangerous and been completely unaware of the danger? Describe that moment.

2. The disciples were so fixated on the fact that they forgot bread that they could not hear Christ's warning. In what ways do you find yourself doing the same in your own life? Why do you think this happens?

3. Why is it unusual that the Pharisees and Sadducees united in opposing Christ? Where do we see this same phenomenon today?

4. What do you think the spiritual elites were trying to accomplish when they asked Jesus for a sign? What were they truly seeking?

5. Jesus says that the only sign the spiritual elites will receive is the sign of Jonah. What is He communicating to them in this statement, and why is His departure from them so tragic?

6. The disciples forgot the lessons from feeding the 5,000 and 4,000. How does forgetting Christ's past provision keep us from seeing His present priorities? Can you share an example from your own life?

7. The "leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees" is so dangerous because it is hard to see and notice at first. What happens if you add anything to Christ's Gospel? What happens if you take anything away from Christ's Gospel?

8. The big danger that grows out of this entire passage is wanting more than Jesus. Why is this so deadly?

9. What is one thing in this passage that you sense the Holy Spirit asking you to apply in your own life this week?