Small Groups Study Guide: Read the entire Passage first: Mark 8:11-26

- Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
- What did God speak to you during the sermon?

They did not come to **learn**, but to **argue**

Unbelief **blinds** and **binds** our unchanging heart

Jesus <u>abandons</u> these <u>abusers</u>

They have forgotten that the <u>bread</u> maker is in the <u>boat</u>

The disciples are focused on their hunger instead of their heart.

Jesus frees us from the <u>slavery</u> of <u>selfish</u> ambition

Don't let spiritual scar tissue keep you from seeing the Savior's work

We <u>bring</u> people to <u>Jesus</u>

It is not about perfection but progression

- Can you share a time when unbelief stopped you from moving towards Jesus?
- How has your selfish ambition stopped you from taking steps with Jesus?
- How has God revealed His will through grace in your life?
- How has God's purpose in your life filled you up beyond your own ambition?
- What are some ways you can bring people to Jesus this week?
- What is the ONE thing God is asking you to do this week, that is different from last week?

PURPOSE OF SMALL GROUPS

Small groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through deep Christian relationships through the application of God's Word. The goal is to care enough about each other enough to ask the BIG questions of life, such as, what is God doing in your life? What is He asking you to do about it? Then to walk with each other through sharing, caring and praying with and for each other.

SHARING – We come together each week to share God's Word in our lives, and how His story is impacting our daily story.

CARING – We gather together each week to ask great questions and listen to understand other people, and what God is doing in and through their lives.

PRAYING – We meet together to pray together. Not just to speak to God, but to hear from Him each week in community, and daily individually.