

A SENSE OF HISTORY

Mark 8:11-21

Key Verse: 8:19

"`When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?' `Twelve,' they replied."

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 11-13. Where did Jesus and his disciples go after feeding the crowd and sending them away? (10) Who came to him? What was their intention? What did Jesus say and do? Why did he refuse their request?
2. Read verses 14-15. Of what did Jesus warn his disciples? What is yeast? What is the yeast of the Pharisees and Herod? What does this mean to us?
3. Read verse 16. How did the disciples understand Jesus' warning? What does this show about them?
4. Read verses 17-21. How did Jesus rebuke them? What question did he ask them? How did they answer? How do they reveal their lack of a sense of history? How did Jesus teach them a sense of history?
5. What is a sense of history? Why is it important for a Christian to have a sense of history? (Think of some Biblical and other examples.) How can we have a sense of history?