

SIN AS LEAVEN

Mark 8:11-21

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. SIN SPREADS
2. SIN GROWS BENEATH THE SURFACE
3. HOW TO KNOW WHAT'S GROWING IN YOUR HEART
 - AM I ASSUMING OR AM I ASKING?
 - AM I CONTAINING OR AM I CONFESSING?
 - AM I CASUAL OR AM I CRUCIFYING?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. In Mark 8:11-21 Jesus is warning His closest friends to "watch out" and "beware" of sin. How do you typically respond when someone warns you about sin?
3. One of the ways sin is like yeast/ leaven is that sin spreads. It permeates our entire lives just like yeast spreads through dough. This means that our sin is never just contained to one part of life. It will always impact more areas than we expect. How have you seen this reality in your own life?
4. Another way that sin is like yeast/ leaven is that sin grows beneath the surface. We often don't see what is going on in us or how serious it is until it is too late. Sin will always take you further than you wanted to go, keep you longer than you wanted to stay and cost you more than you wanted to spend. How have you seen this reality in your own life?
5. What is growing in your heart? How do you know? Who could you ask to help you see it?
6. When is the last time you confessed your sin to God? When is the last time you confessed your sin to another person? What factors make you want to contain your sin as opposed to confessing it?
7. To what degree are you casual toward your sin? What would it look like for you to treat your sin more like the cancer that it is? What would it look like for you to go to war against your sin and "crucify" it?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: God hates sin because sin hurts people and God loves people.