

Sermon Message for July 14/15, 2018 | Pastor Scott Smith
THE REAL JESUS! | "You've Gotta Be Kidding Me"
Mark 8:14-26 (p. 858)

THE CONTEXT → The ongoing _____ and _____ of the Pharisees. (8:11-13)

HIS STRAIGHTFORWARD WARNINGS

1. Beware of developing an _____. (8:14-15)

THE INSIGHT → Anytime we _____ we display an _____ heart. (1 John 1:9)

THE REMINDER → Jesus can and absolutely _____ for all our needs. (Matt. 6:25-34)

2. Beware of developing a _____. (8:16-21)

Sources of dullness include:

- _____ (v. 16)
- _____ (vv. 17-18)
- _____ (vv. 18-21)

SOME HELPFUL ADVICE → Don't forget to _____. (Psalm 77:11)

3. Beware of thinking that _____ is your _____.
(vv. 17, 21-26)

AN APPLICATION → Be a _____ and a _____.
(Luke 2:19)

**Questions for Personal Prayer and Reflection From the
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Read Mark 8:14-26 and review your outline notes before thinking and praying through the following questions.

The goal this week is to evaluate how we're doing at maintaining a heart that is sensitive to the movement of God in and around our lives. To do this, we'll spend a few moments prayerfully considering the sermon outline.

1. Beware of developing an unbelieving heart (8:14-15)

a. What areas of life are you most prone to worry about?

b. How does this worry reveal an unbelieving heart?

c. What are some verses you can remember to help you?

2. Beware of developing a dull heart (8:16-21)

a. Which of the three areas — distractions, familiarity, or forgetfulness — seems to plague you the most when it comes to dullness in your walk with God?

b. How does it plague you? And why do you think it's that one?

c. What are some things you can do to help keep your heart sensitive toward God?

3. Beware of thinking that dullness is your destiny (8:17, 21-26)

a. Why is this good news for you?

b. What might it mean for you to be a treasurer and a ponderer?

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(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)

THE CONTEXT: The ongoing **hostility** and **unbelief** of the Pharisees. (8:11-13)

"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." Matthew 16:11-12

HIS STRAIGHTFORWARD WARNINGS

1. Beware of developing an **unbelieving heart**. (8:14-15)

THE INSIGHT: Anytime we **worry** we display an **unbelieving** heart. (1 John 1:9)

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

THE REMINDER: Jesus can and absolutely **will provide** for all our needs. (Matt. 6:25-34)

2. Beware of developing a **dull heart**. (8:16-21)

Sources of dullness include:

- **Distractions** (v. 16)
- **Familiarity** (vv. 17-18)
- **Forgetfulness** (vv. 18-21)

SOME HELPFUL ADVICE: Don't forget to **remember**. (Psalm 77:11)

"I shall remember the deeds of the LORD; surely I will remember Your wonders of old."
Psalm 77:11

3. Beware of thinking that **dullness** is your **destiny**. (vv. 17, 21-26)

AN APPLICATION: Be a **treasurer** and a **ponderer**. (Luke 2:19)

"But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart." Luke 2:19