

KINGDOM of GOD

“BE ON YOUR GUARD” Msg. #62

-An important warning for followers of Jesus-
Matthew 16:5-12

Introduction:

I. Our preoccupation with what's _____ can easily keep us from seeing what is. vv.5-7

A. The disciples are obsessing over the fact that they forgot bread.
v.5

1. They were concerned about being _____.

B. Jesus was concerned about the danger of false teaching and bad spiritual influences. v.6

1. Jesus was concerned about the disciples' _____.

II. Jesus knows the best way to get our attention. vv.8-11

A. He may do this by simply reminding us of what He's _____.

1. He's our _____.

B. Our obsessions over lesser things create teaching moments for Jesus to speak into our lives and bring us back to _____ with Him.

III. If there's something worth thinking a lot about—it's the reality of religious systems and leaders who create _____ in our walk with God. v.12

A. Be on guard against religious systems that are mostly about _____.

1. The Pharisees were a sect of Judaism that focused on external adherence to the laws of God.

B. Be on guard against religious systems that pride themselves in free thinking, intellectualism void of _____.

1. The Sadducees were a sect of Judaism that focused on a more rational approach to faith apart from the supernatural power of God.