

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

Lesson 8 – Growing Controversy

Reading:

- Matt. 9:35-11:1; Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6
- Matt. 14:1-36; Mark 6:14-56; Luke 9:7-17; John 6:1-21
- John 6:22-7:1; Matt. 15:1-28; Mark 7:1-30
- Matt. 15:29-18:35; Mark 7:31-9:50; Luke 9:18-56

A. Briefly summarize the events from the reading above. Do you have any questions about the reading you would like us to discuss?

B. When Jesus sent out His disciples (in what some people call the "Limited Commission"), some of the instructions and cautions He gave were unique to that event. But which ones are still applicable to faithful Christians today?

C. What lessons can we learn from the imprisonment and beheading of John the Baptist?

D. How do we eat Jesus as "bread", eat His "flesh", drink His "blood", and live forever?

E. In what ways did Jesus condemn the Pharisees? How can we be similarly guilty today?

F. Catholics claim Peter was the first pope, the "rock" the church was built on, and had the ability to make rules based on Matt. 16:13-19. How would you respond?

G. What scriptures in this lesson's reading deal with the demands or cost of being faithful? Explain what it means to "take up his cross daily" (Luke 9:23)?

H. What scriptures in this lesson's reading deal with our attitude toward forgiving others?

I. What miracle in this lesson's reading tends to impress you the most?