

**BEWARE THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES**

Matthew 16:1-12

# BACKYARD BOOGIE



BEWARE!



# MAIN IDEA

We need to beware of false teaching and spiritual forgetfulness -- both of these errors can keep us from seeing Jesus clearly.

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# PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES

## **Pharisees**

- self righteous, strictly kept the law and elevated their own traditions

## **Sadducees**

- self-indulgent, wealthy, sought power, rejected the resurrection

# FALSE TEACHING (LEAVEN) OF PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES

- 1.) Extreme Skepticism
- 2.) Self-righteousness
- 3.) Self-indulgence

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# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER REGARDING FORGETFULNESS

- 1.) Does the consuming nature of your immediate needs cloud your ability to remember God's faithfulness or to see his hand at work in the situation?
- 2.) Do you allow your feelings in the moment to lead your overall thinking and outlook on things?

# HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN AT BETHSAIDA

“ And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. <sup>23</sup> And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” <sup>24</sup> And he looked up and said, “I see people, but they look like trees, walking.” <sup>25</sup> Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.”

Mark 8:22-25