A CLARIFYING QUESTION

"Then Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, Who do people say I am? They replied, Some say you are John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others say you're one of the other prophets. <u>BUT WHAT</u> <u>ABOUT YOU</u>? Jesus asked. Who do YOU say I am? Peter said, You are the Christ, the Messiah!" **Mark 8:27-29**

HOW I _____

DETERMINES

HOW CLEARLY I SEE EVERYTHING ELSE.

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- ✓ I will memorize Proverbs 29:18 KJV
- ✓ I will accept Christ for the first time
- ✓ I will join the New Life church family
- ✓ I will sign up for the next baptism

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Experiencing the Extraordinary Power of Jesus

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"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!" Matthew 6:22–23 (NIV)

MARK 8:17 29 AN EMBARRASSING MISUNDERSTANDING

"Then Jesus got into the boat and crossed to the other side. The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had in the boat. Be careful, Jesus warned. Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod.' The disciples discussed why Jesus had said this and they decided it was because they hadn't brought bread with them. Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still NOT SEE OR UNDERSTAND? Are your MINDS CLOSED? You have eyes, but you DON'T REALLY SEE! You have ears, but you don't really listen. Remember when I divided five loaves of bread for the five thousand? How many baskets did you fill with leftover pieces of food? They said, twelve. And when I divided seven loaves of bread for the four thousand, how many baskets did you fill with leftover pieces of food? They said, seven. Then Jesus said, And you still don't understand yet?" Mark 8:13-21 (NIV)

Connection Card

BLINDNESS IS A METAPHOR = _____

WHAT KEEPS ME FROM SEEING LIFE CLEARLY?

1. MY_____

"Watch out for <u>the yeast</u> of the Pharisees." Mark 8:15 (NIV)

2. MY SHORT-TERM

"The disciples discussed why Jesus had said this and they decided it was because they <u>hadn't brought bread</u> with them!" Mark 8:14-15 (NIV)

3. MY SHORT-TERM

"Remember... the two miracles...?"

MEMORY VERSE: "Without a vision, the people perish!" Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know THE HOPE to which he has called you..." Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)

A PROGRESSIVE MIRACLE

"They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village." Mark 8:22 (NIV)

3 CONDITIONS FOR A MIRACLE

MIRACLES HAPPEN WHEN SOMEBODY .

MIRACLES HAPPEN WHEN WE GET CLOSE TO _____.

MIRACLES HAPPEN WHEN WE TRUST JESUS TO

"Then Jesus spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, and then asked, Do you see anything? The man looked up and said, I see people but they look like trees walking around. So Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes a second time. Then his eyes were opened fully, his sight was restored completely, and he saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home, saying, Don't go back into town." Mark 8:23-26 (NIV)

3 LESSONS ABOUT SEEING LIFE CLEARLY

1. MY SPIRITUAL VISION IN

- 2. THE TEST OF MY VISION IS HOW I SEE OTHER
- 3. JESUS HEALS MY SIGHT THREE WAYS:
 - > MY ______ GETS SHARPER.
 - > MY _____ GETS LARGER.
 - > MY _____ GETS CLEARER.

"Teach me what I cannot see; and if I've done wrong, I won't do it again!" Job 34:32 (NIV)