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Topic: Life of Christ: Beware the Leaven of the Pharisees

Scripture text: Mark 8: 14-21

1. The Pharisees were religious people who take pride in their observance of God's laws and think their good works will bring them to heaven. The Sadducees were compromisers who love material riches. Jesus warned the disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

2. The disciples can be blinded to follow their false teachings which are readily accepted by the people. Jesus told the disciples to be discerning as these are not men of God.

3. Today, the Churches are also filled with such false teachers. The Charismatic teachings are similar to the Sadducees in their health and wealth gospel message. The fundamentalists who deny the perfect Bible are like the Pharisees. They have the appearance of holiness but are dangerous with their false teachings.

4. We must always take the side of Christ to obey and follow Him even if it means losing friendship of loved ones who follow the false teachings. We need to be firmly grounded in God's Word to have the discernment against all forms of false teachings.