

## Mark 7

### Jesus Defines "Clean" (vs. 1-23)

1. Why do you think the teachers of the law came all the way from Jerusalem to see Jesus?
2. What bothers the teachers of the law about Jesus' disciples?
3. Jesus calls the teachers of the law hypocrites, meaning "ones who judge from beneath a mask," or "play-actors." From what Jesus exposes about them in vs. 1-13, how would you describe the teachers of the law?
4. If you take an honest look at yourself, do any of the above descriptions fit you at all?
5. After speaking to the teachers of the law, Jesus addresses the larger crowd in vs. 14-15. What does he want them all to understand? How does he further explain this concept to his disciples when they don't get it?
6. What evils does Jesus say come out of our hearts and make us "unclean?" (See also Romans 1:29-31) Are there some from either list that convict you?
7. Read Hebrews 9:13-14. How can we be made "clean?"

### Jesus and the Syrophenician Woman (vs. 24-30)

8. Tyre is in present-day Lebanon, north of Israel. Mark mentions that the woman who approaches Jesus is a Greek, not a Jew. Why is this significant to the story?
9. In Jesus' metaphorical response to her request,  
    who are the "children" he speaks of?  
  
    what is their "bread?"  
  
    who would the "dogs" refer to?
10. What does the woman's reply reveal about her?
11. What is it about her reply that pleases Jesus?
12. How is this healing different from the others Mark has mentioned? In what ways is it similar? Is there any pattern or method of healing you can identify?

### Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man (vs. 31-37)

13. How does Jesus meet the deaf and mute man?
14. What unusual things does Jesus do to this man?
15. Why do you think Jesus takes the man aside, away from the crowd, and commands the people not to tell anyone about his healing?
16. What is the people's response to the healing? To his command?
17. At the beginning of the chapter, Jesus tells the teachers of the law that Isaiah was right when he prophesied about them. Read Isaiah 35:3-6. How is Isaiah right on in his prophesy about the Messiah, Jesus?

# Sermon Notes

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**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Passage:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What I needed to hear today:** (something to remember, put into practice, change in my thinking, change in my behavior)