



Week #23 of The Gospel of Mark

February 18, 2024

Coming Together

- What do you enjoy about the winters in Plain, WA?
- What are some commonly held traditions in our church? What purpose do these traditions fulfill?

Growing in Our Understanding

1. Read Mark 7:1-5. What did the Pharisees and the teachers of the law notice about Jesus' Disciples? Why are they so concerned about this?
2. Read Mark 7:6-13. How did Jesus respond to their question about traditions?
3. Read Mark 7:24-30. What details of this story caught your attention?

Unwrapping and Applying God's Principles

1. In Mark 7:14-23, how did Jesus' use of the word "unclean" differ from that of the religious leaders? According to Jesus, what makes a person "unclean"?
2. What is unique about the faith and healing of the Syrophenician woman's daughter in Mark 7:24-30?
3. What is "hypocrisy" (Mark 7:6)? How does it impact people's perception of Jesus? What can we do to make sure we avoid it?

Deepening Our Hearts for God

- It is not an exhaustive list of sins, so why do you think Jesus mentions the sins He does in Mark 7:20-23?
- What is faith? What areas of my life do I need to commit to the Lord in faith today?

Looking Ahead

Read Mark 7:31-37. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out to you. How does Jesus go about healing this man? What details surprise you?

