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**Lesson 12 – When Right is Wrong**

**Mark 6:53-7:30**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you in your Christian walk?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you
apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mark 6:53-56**

*Please pray before beginning your study. A possible verse to pray is Psalm 143:10. Father, teach me to do Your will, for You are my God ; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.*

3. Jesus’ reputation had spread throughout the region. When the people recognized Jesus, what did they do?

4. What did they believe would happen if they reached out to touch Jesus?

5. **Thought Question:** When we recognize Jesus for who He is and reach out to Him, miraculous benefits are available to us. According to the following verses, what kinds of benefits are possible for those who believe?

Mark 10:27-

Psalm 103:2-5-

Ephesians 3:20-

6. ***Personal Question:*** The people believed in Jesus and begged Him (they called out to Him). How does Jeremiah 29:12-14 tell us to call out to the Lord? Will you trust in Jesus and call out to Him today?

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7. What does Romans 10:9-13 tell us will happen to all who call on the Lord with believing hearts?

*Apply this Day:**Thank the Lord for the assurance that He hears you when you call on Him. Call out to Him today and have confidence that He will reward you for earnestly seeking Him. (Heb.11:6)*

**Day 3 – Read Mark 7:1-13**

*Please pray before beginning your study.*

8. According to verse 2, what were Jesus’ disciples doing that bothered the Pharisees? How did the Pharisees’ actions differ from the disciples, as recorded in verse 3-4?

9. What do the Pharisees ask Jesus in verse 5? What does this reveal about what they are focused upon?

10. ***Thought Question:*** From the following verses in Mark 7, briefly summarize what Jesus tells the Pharisees, and us, about following “men’s traditions” (man’s made-up way to worship God) and how it affects true worship of God (the way God tells us to worship).

Vs 6-

Vs. 7-

Vs. 8-

Vs. 9-

Vs. 13-

11. Once again, Jesus is teaching us the importance of where we focus our hearts.

 a. In Mark 7:6, what does Jesus quote from Isaiah that reveals the nature and place of their hearts’ focus?

 b. What did you learn about the heart from Matthew 6:21? What did the Pharisees treasure over and above God’s ways?

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12. The Pharisees were trying to worship God using their own man-made rules and traditions. How does God tell us to worship Him in the following:

Isaiah 55 :6-9-

Romans 12: 1-2 –

13. ***Personal Question:*** God wants a personal relationship with His children…and that means offering our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God (Rom.12:1). Are you seeking God and pursuing His holy ways? Or could there be some examples of man-made traditions in your home, your church, your holidays, or your daily life that are pushing God’s ways out of your life?

*Apply this day:**God wants worshippers who love Him and seek to worship Him. Ask God to reveal any offensive ways in you and your worship of Him and to lead you in His righteous paths.*

**Day 4 – Read Mark 7:14-23**

*Please pray before beginning your study.*

14. Jesus calls to the crowd “Listen to me.” He wants people to understand. Using Mark 7:6 and Mark 7:21, what does Jesus reveal is the root of the problem?

15. According to verses 21-23, what does Jesus say comes out of men’s hearts?

16. As has often been said, the heart of the problem is the problem of the heart. Jesus explains that man isn’t defiled by what he eats, but rather by the evil residing within his heart. That evil when unchecked will always lead to wicked and prideful thoughts, words, and deeds.

a. According to Matthew 15:11-12, how did the Pharisees respond to Jesus’ clear teaching on this?

b. Why might they have been offended?

17. ***Personal Question:*** Does it offend you when Jesus says that your heart is bent toward evil thoughts? Or does His enlightenment give you a broken and contrite heart leading to repentance and the pursuit of His holy thoughts?

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18. ***Thought Question:*** Jesus said “all these evil things” come from what’s inside a person (vs. 23). How do the following verses reveal God’s way for His children to conquer evil thoughts and be filled with His holy thoughts?

a. Colossians 3:1-2 –

b. Hebrews 12:1-2 –

c. 2 Corinthians 10:5-

*Apply this day:**Prayer: Thank you Jesus for loving me enough not to leave me stuck in my sinful ways. Teach me to focus on whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable. Philippians 4:8*

**Day 5 – Read Mark 7:24-30 and Matthew 15:22-28**

*Please pray before beginning your study.*

20. Jesus went to the vicinity of Tyre, which was a Gentile city. A woman approached Him; where was she from, and what did she ask of Him?

21. ***Thought Question:*** What was Jesus’ reply to the woman in verse 27?

—Who is the bread? (John 6:35) –

—Who are the children? (Romans 1:16, Mt.15:24) –

—Who are the dogs? (Romans 1:16)-

22. How does the women show honor and respect to Jesus’ strong authoritative words rather than take offense at them? (See also Matthew 15:27).

23. In Matthew 15:28, what is Jesus’ immediate response to her humble reverent submission to Him?

24. ***Personal Question:*** When God uses strong authoritative words to correct, to teach, or to discipline you, what is your reaction?

Do you submit to His supreme authority as Lord over your life?

Write down and ponder the following verses:

Proverbs 1:7 –

Job 28:28 –

*Apply this day:**Jesus commends us for our faith and rewards those who come to Him with a submissive heart. Ask Him to grant you a reverential fear of Him and lay all of your requests before Him with great expectation.*

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**Day 6 – Reread Mark 7:14-15 (SOAP)**

*Please pray before beginning your study.*

**Scripture** – *Write the verses.*

**Observation** – *Record something you learned from these verses*. *Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** – *How can I apply these verses to my life?*

**Prayer** – *Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*