HONOR AND WORSHIP GOD FROM OUR HEARTS

Mark 7:1-23

Key Verse: 7:6

1. What accusation did the Pharisees bring against Jesus’ disciples (1-5)? What were the traditions of the elders, and how had they developed1?

2. Read verses 6-8. According to Jesus, what was the Pharisees’ problem? Why is it so important to honor God from our hearts (Gen 6:5-6; 1 Sa 16:7; Pr 4:23)? How does Jesus relate this to their attitude toward God’s word?

3. What example does Jesus give of their setting aside the commandments of God to hold to the traditions of men (9-13)? What can we learn here?

4. What did Jesus teach the crowd about what makes a person unclean (14-16)? How did Jesus explain to his disciples what really defiles a person (17-23; Jer 17:9)?

5. How can we honor and worship God with a pure heart (Tit 3:5; Heb 9:14; 1 Jn 1:7-9)?