



“the way” series

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We must Know God because, we

can't love what we don't know

can't live well without knowledge of the author of life.

can't hope if we don't know what to hope for

Can't have satisfaction without knowing our purpose

RECAP

Know God; Trust God; then Love God.
Confidence in God's Bigger, Better Plan.

Mark 7: 1-23 (Group Study)

Listen/Read to Mark 7:1-23 using ASND/TCB

Traditions of Elders: Mark 7:1-13
(Matt.15:1-9)

- 1) What does this reveal about the dangers of valuing tradition over God's commandment?
- 2) Think about cultural traditions we practice that challenge what God is asking us to do.
- 3) Can our Church Traditions become a barrier to doing what God is telling us to do in the Bible?

What Defiles a Man - Mark 7:14-23
(Matt. 14:10-20)

- 1) Jesus redefines defilement, Moral and Ceremonial
- 2) Ceremonially Impure (unclean) applies only to Jewish traditional temple worship.
- 3) Morally Impure (unclean), is behavior that is against God's plan. Requires repentance.
- 4) True Defilement comes out of the human heart and mind, not what we eat.
 - a. Why do physical things defile?
 - b. Why do thoughts defile?
 - c. Why do words defile?

Let me leave you with this, our behavior and thoughts matter. We must watch our words because they can not be taken back once said.

HOMEWORK for next week:

1) Read Mark 7:24-37