



## Mark 7

Something that I've been thinking a lot about

Mark 7:1-8

- The Pharisees had a lot of traditions
- In striving to follow the rules of the Old Testament they created a bunch of addition rules
- Has anyone tried to read Leviticus before?
- \*They became more about following rules than following God

Mark 7:18-23

- It's not about what goes in but what is coming out
- It's not about following or not following rules, it's about where your heart is
- What they were doing wasn't bad stuff but they had missed the point of why they were doing it
- \*You can do the right thing in the wrong way
- \*Jesus is more interested in your heart and motivation than your action

\*\*Christmas Present Example

\*How often are we like that first example with Jesus?

Mark 14:3-9

- Mary anoints Jesus with costly oil (a year wages)
- Some of the disciples, especially Judas, are upset because the money wasn't given to the poor
- \*I would have probably been in the group telling Jesus this was wasteful
- \*It's not about being efficient and doing the most stuff, it's about loving and worshiping Jesus
- \*This is the proper motive
- \*It's not always about doing good things, but about how we can best worship Jesus

Why are you doing things you're doing?  
Is your heart and motivation right?

\*Joann's excitement

How do we get there?

- Mary spent time with Jesus and saw her brother raised from the dead
- Nurture our relationship with Jesus and continue to learn and experience how great he is

Small Group Questions

- 1) Are you a rule follower or a rebel?
- 2) What was a time you did something good because you felt passionate about it?
- 3) In what ways have you experienced Jesus, like Mary, and how can that make you passionate?