**Honor God With Your Heart**

Mark 7:1-23

Key Verse: 7:6b “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”

1. Why did the Pharisees criticize Jesus’ disciples? What was the tradition of the Pharisees regarding hand washing? (1-5)

2. How did Jesus rebuke them? How did they fulfill Isaiah’s prophecy? (Isaiah 29:13)

3. What example does Jesus give of their setting aside the commandments of God in order to observe the traditions of men? (9-13) Think of some examples of following the traditions of men instead of the laws of God?

4. What did Jesus teach the crowd about what makes a person unclean? How did Jesus explain the meaning of “unclean”? (17-19) Why was this shocking the disciples? (Acts 10:14-15)

5. Why are the thoughts of one’s heart so important? (Genesis 6:5; Psalm 24:3,4) How can we have pure hearts that honor God? (Philippians 4:8)