

Jesus Teaches on Obedience to God Over Tradition Mark 7:1-13

This Week's Principle:

A Disciple

A disciple is a person who has a personal relationship with Jesus, knows and obeys Jesus' commands, and intentionally makes other disciples for Christ.

Scripture

10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.
John 15:10

Key Thought

Read Mark 7:6-8. What is the real problem that is occurring? Jesus quotes Isaiah 29:13 to point out the failure of the religious leaders. Why do you think he quoted Scripture to level his accusation against them?
Read Hosea 6:6. What is more important to God than surface obedience?
Application: Do you think there are people in churches today who elevate manmade practices above Scripture revealed practices? What are some ways we can avoid falling into trap of putting manmade rules above God's commands?

Introduction: What are some reasons why a person/family would go to church? What is the chief or key reason why Christians are to go to church?

1. Read Mark 7:1-2. In your mind's eye, what kind of scene do you imagine is taking place while the leaders confront Jesus? Is it a calm discussion or is it intense (at least on the part of the Pharisees)?

Application: When you are in a discussion with someone and they become argumentative, do they really want to learn about your perspective and seek to understand? How can this knowledge help us share the Gospel with others effectively?

2. Read Mark 7:3-5. What do the religious leaders claim is the problem with the disciples? Based on the description in these verses, what is the reason the religious leaders focus on washings? Read Matthew 23:27-28. Do you think these religious leaders were impressed by their own appearances? Who are the religious leaders trying to please/impress by their obedience to these rules on ceremonial washings? Read Luke 11:42-44. According to verse 42, what is the heart condition of the Pharisees because of their hypocrisy?

Application: How does hypocrisy within a believer's life end up harming God's kingdom, other believers, and non-Christians? Read James 5:16—20. How do we help the Christian who is caught up in sin and hypocrisy?

3. Read Mark 7:6-8. What is the real problem that is occurring? Jesus quotes Isaiah 29:13 to point out the failure of the religious leaders. Why do you think he quoted Scripture to level his accusation against them?

Read 1 Samuel 15:22-23. Why is it important to elevate obeying God's commands over any other practices?

Read Hosea 6:6. What is more important to God than surface obedience?

Application: Do you think there are people in churches today who elevate manmade practices above Scripture revealed practices? What are some ways we can avoid falling into trap of not meeting God's standard for worship?

4. Read Mark 7:9-13. How does this story reveal that elevating man's traditions over God's commands are more than misplaced priorities? How is their tradition concerning pledging of gifts for God used to actually break Exodus 20:12?

Vision, Mission, Values, & Principles

The Vision

Our vision is to see the fulfillment of the Great Commission through our lives, families, and ministries.

Matthew 28:18-20

The Mission

Our mission is to lead people to KNOW Christ, teach them to GROW in Christ, and equip them to SERVE Christ.

Colossians 2:6-7

Core Values

We value the TRUTH of God's Word, the LOVE of God's heart, and SERVICE in his kingdom

2 Timothy 3:16-17, Matthew 22:36-40, Matthew 23:11

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Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 1:17; John 15:5-17

Core Principles for Family Groups

Abiding Relationship with Jesus (*John 15:4-7*): every group member will have a personal relationship with Jesus that transforms how they live their life.

Reach the Lost (*Luke 19:10; Matthew 28:18-20*): every member shares their faith with those who do not know Jesus and celebrates when a person makes a decision for Christ

Connect the Unconnected (*Hebrews 10:24-25*): every member is connected with Jesus and with the church. Each person is connected in an intentional relational environment for the purpose of becoming a disciple.

Chase the Strays (*Luke 15:4*): every Christian who has strayed from Christ will be valued, noticed, and pursued.

Shepherd Towards Maturity (*Colossians 1:28; 2 Cor. 3:18*): every person in our church is progressing in spiritual maturity and becoming more like Jesus Christ.

Identify, Equip, and Empower Leaders (*Ephesians 4:11-12*): we will fulfill the command of Ephesians 4 to equip believers for ministry, empower them to be who God created them to be, and send them out to serve.

Function as a Team (*John 17:21-23*): we will be unified as a group and as a church as commanded in John 17, and we will function and work as a team pursuing God's purposes.

Announcements

Find a Group

If you are not in a Bible study, you can find a listing of current groups on our website: familychurchpc.com and click on Family Groups.

Church Dinner Wednesday Night

For those who attend AWANA, Student Ministry, or a Bible study on campus Wednesday nights, we offer a dinner at 5:15 pm. This is a delicious family-friendly meal. The cost is \$2 per person or \$5 a family.