



These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **Discussion Questions**

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### **Mark 7:1-13**

1. It is common in American culture to hear “trust your heart.” How has your heart led you astray in the past? How has Jesus transformed your heart since becoming a Christian? What should we use as the ultimate test for the things our hearts desire?
2. Jesus’s quotation in Mark 7:6-7 comes from Isaiah 29. In Isaiah, God pronounced judgment against hypocrites who honored the Lord with their words, but not their lifestyle. Where do you struggle the most with this kind of hypocrisy in your own life?
3. Read Mark 7:9. According to this verse, what are the dangers associated with elevating man-made tradition to the level of doctrine? What man-made traditions have you found to be most harmful within the church and outside of the church.
4. Read Mark 6:9-13. In these verses, it seems as though many of the religious leaders had neglected the parts of the law that they didn’t like. What parts of the Bible have you been tempted to ignore?
5. Read Romans 12:1-2. How can these verses be applied to the transformation of your heart? What are the means that God uses to change the hearts of his people?
6. Read Psalm 37:4. God will grant us the desires of our heart, only after we have delighted in him. What does it mean to delight in the Lord and how does our delight in him affect our desires?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Jeremiah 17:9. Talk together about why you shouldn’t trust your heart and how you can test the desires of your heart against God’s word.