

## **Sermon Series:** Mark: Jesus | Our Servant King

### **Bible Passage:** Mark 7:1-23

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Read verses 1-5. Why did the Pharisees and Scribes criticize Jesus' disciples?
2. In verse 5, what did the Pharisees and Scribes ask Jesus?
3. How did Jesus respond to their question?
4. The religious leaders in Jesus' day had difficulty distinguishing between a tradition and the truth. Compare and contrast a *tradition* and the *truth*.
5. Read verses 14-16. How would you summarize Jesus' final statement to the crowd?
6. In conversation with the disciples, Jesus explains the parable. What defiles a person according to Jesus (v17-23)?
7. "We shouldn't be so concerned about watching what others are doing, but we should monitor what is coming out of us." Why is monitoring what comes out of us so important?

#### **Moving Forward:**

Are you ever surprised by the words and actions that come out of you?

What do these words and actions reveal about your heart?