

Small Groups Study Guide: Read the entire Passage first: Mark 7:1-13

- Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
- What did God speak to you during the sermon?

The religious leaders are not coming to be fed, but to find fault

Their critical spirit is focused on the lack of ceremonial cleansing

“Defiled” The Greek word "Koinos"

Ceremonial or ritual impurity as defined by the traditions of men, **not** by God's Law.

Those who have a critical spirit are making the wrong thing the main thing

This complex set of man-made rules, was a crushing burden

Jesus’ response should be our response

Ritual without Reality

They have traded Truth for tradition

Honor is: An unconditional continual unhesitating tangible demonstration of reverence

Knowing the difference between a critical mind and a critical spirit

A critical mind is filled with humility; a critical spirit is filled with hubris

A critical mind is inquisitive; a critical spirit is indifferent

A critical mind can unite; a critical spirit only divides

A critical mind is expressed with gentleness; a critical spirit with anger

A critical mind is content; a critical spirit is bitter

- Where did you see yourself in the story?
- Is there a specific point from above that you see yourself leaning towards a critical spirit, rather than a critical mind?
- What is the ONE thing God is asking you to do this week?

Don’t Forget to sign up to help with Trunk or Treat

PURPOSE OF SMALL GROUPS

Small groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through deep Christian relationships through the application of God's Word. The goal is to care enough about each other enough to ask the BIG questions of life, such as, what is God doing in your life? What is He asking you to do about it? Then to walk with each other through sharing, caring and praying with and for each other.

SHARING – We come together each week to share God's Word in our lives, and how His story is impacting our daily story.

CARING – We gather together each week to ask great questions and listen to understand other people, and what God is doing in and through their lives.

PRAYING – We meet together to pray together. Not just to speak to God, but to hear from Him each week in community, and daily individually.