

**Small Groups Study Guide: Read the entire Passage first: Mark 7:14-23**

- 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?

This **call** is to **all**

**Familiarity** breeds **apathy**

Understand is the Greek word “Sunemi” Meaning “To bring **together**”

We are spiritually **defiled**, because we are sinfully **depraved**

The problem is not **external**, but **internal**

A **little** bit of bad teaching goes **a long way** in the wrong **direction**

Knowledge of our own **defilement** should **drive** us to the **Deliverer**

Genesis 3:12 “**The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.**”

**Blame-shifting** is a way of excusing the **sin** in our own heart

Knowledge of our own **desperation** should **drive** us to the **Deliverer**

- If Jesus were to look at your heart, what do you think his response would be?
- In what ways have you shifted blame for your words and action to other people?
- How have you guarded your heart over the past six months?
- How do you seek the Deliverer (Jesus Christ) in your desperate times?
- What is the ONE thing God is asking you to do this week, that is different from last 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.