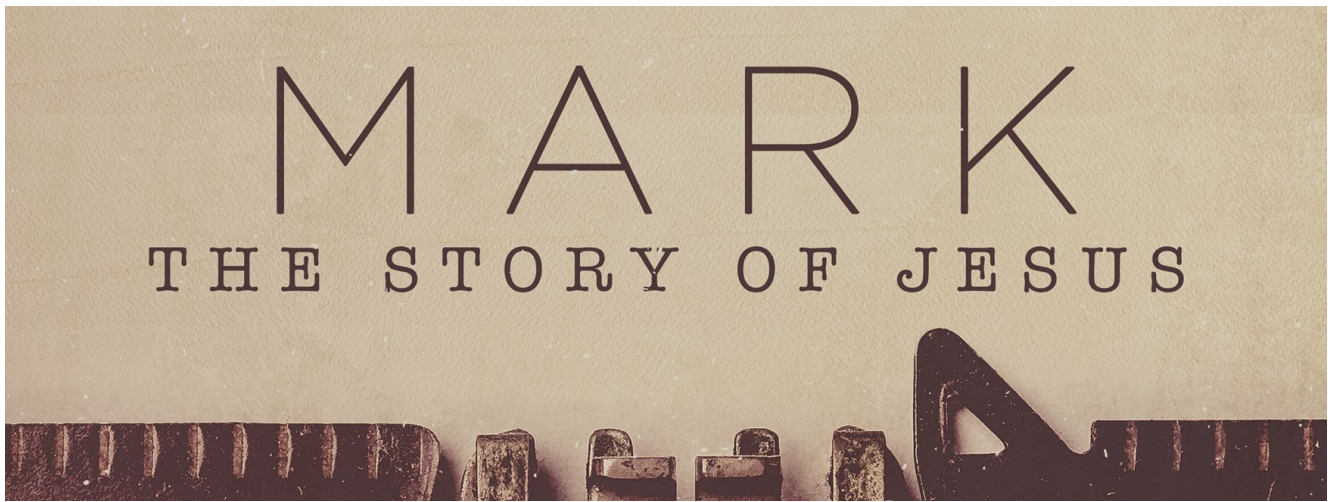


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

We are creatures of habit. Patterns and predictability give us a way to understand the world around us. But anything can become an idol. For the religious leaders in Mark 7, their traditions became more important to them than the things near to the heart of God.

All of us are susceptible to elevating traditions beyond where they should be. While people are often concerned with outward appearances, God cares about the heart.

READ MARK 7:1-23

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How could traditions help us in our relationship with God?

Have you ever seen an example of a tradition taking precedent over the word of God?

Why is it important to keep our traditions in perspective? What are some ways to tell if one has gone too far?

Jesus says what goes into a person isn't what makes them unclean, but what comes out. What are some ways we could evaluate traditions by their fruit?

APPLICATION

What is God saying to you through this passage of Scripture?

In light of what you've experienced, how are you going to be different in the future?