

## Study Guide

### Mark 6:53-7:30

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Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

1. Read Mark 6:53-56. Discuss the compassion of Christ even though He knew Israel would reject and crucify Him. Read the definition of God, Ex. 34:6. Does it surprise you to know that God is first and foremost compassionate?
2. Read Mark 7:1-13. Discuss the divisive, oppressive and deceptive nature of religious pride.
3. Read Mark 7:14-23. Where does evil come from? How does it make you feel to know that you are "defiled" from within? What positive effect can this have on our hearts?
4. Read Mark 7:24-30. Discuss the uncomfortable posture of the woman from Tyre. How does God honor her humility?

#### **Application**

Pray for God to reveal the depth of His love to you and that it will cause you to be more compassionate towards others.

Discuss certain issues of the heart that need prayer.

## Message Slides

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Common theme throughout the life of Christ.

"moved with compassion" Matt. 20:34

"He felt compassion for her..." Luke 7:13

"He saw the city and wept over it..." Luke 19:41

"Jesus wept." John 11:35

"...Yet for your sake He became poor..." 2 Cor. 8:9

"...a high priest who ...sympathizes..." Heb. 4:15

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##### B. The Compassion of God

The definition of God:

Exodus 34:6

... "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,

(see also Numbers 14:18; Neh. 9:31; Ps. 86:5; Ps. 86:15; Ps. 103:8; Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2...)

Psalms 147:3-4

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.  
He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.”

Psalms 139: 17-18

“How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!  
Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand— when I awake, I am still with you.”

## II. Religious Pride (Mark 7:1-13)

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

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A. Divisive

B. Oppressive

C. Deceptive

And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’  
You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God) — then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

## III. The Heart (Mark 7:14-23)

And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile

him,<sup>19</sup> since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)

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<sup>20</sup>And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

#### **IV. An Uncomfortable Posture (Mark 7:24-30)**

<sup>24</sup>And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden.<sup>25</sup> But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

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<sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

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