

## **King and Messiah Week 21**

### **Questions based on Matthew 15**

What did the scribes and Pharisees accuse Jesus' disciples of doing wrong?

What accusation did Jesus level back at the religious elite?

Why do you think the people of Israel began to elevate their own traditions above God's Word?

How can we be diligent in discerning what is a commandment of man that is being taught as doctrine and what is truly a commandment of God? (See Acts 17:11)

What is the main point taught in verses 7-20?

How does our heart relate to our actions? What other passages of Scripture teach the same truth?

How do you act as a hypocrite like those described in verses 7-20?

What steps can we take to make sure the confessions of our heart matches the confession of our lips?

Psalm 139 invites God to examine the author's heart. How can we be sensitive to God's correction?

What misunderstanding does the last two stories of the Canaanite woman and the feeding of the 4000 correct?

The Israelites would sing Psalm 67 as part of their worship. What does the Psalm teach that is important for us to remember today?

What are some things that you are so passionate about that you share them with others?

How does our closeness with God impact our desire to share with others?

This week is Easter, one of the greatest opportunities to invite people to church and share Christ with them. Putting the whole chapter together, how can you honor God with more than your lips (God, I want others to know you) and put your faith into action?

**Other observations/questions/reflections on the text:**