

Discussion Questions - 6/4/23

The Heart of the Matter - Mark 7:1-23

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific, in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions about this text:

1. Explain the accusation that the scribes and Pharisees level against Jesus and his disciples. What is most important to them religiously?
2. How does Jesus respond? What was he highlighting on how they use OT law? What's the problem with their use of tradition?
3. If what people eat doesn't defile them, what does (according to Jesus)? How was this radical teaching at the time?
4. "Everyone by nature is good but sometimes they just do bad things." Based on the passage, how would Jesus respond to that? What is our only hope for purity before God? How does this both convict us and comfort us?