

Mark: Bottom Line

7:24-30



1. What insight, observation, or question do you have from this weeks reading plan?
2. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
3. What from your life or past makes you feel inadequate or unworthy? What makes you feel shame before God, or other Christians and the church? On the other hand, what from your life makes you feel worthy before God, the church and other Christians?
4. Read Mark 7:1-23. What did the Pharisees seem to get wrong? In light of your answer, was it wrong to clean the outside? Or was it wrong that they failed to have their hearts changed and allow God to clean the inside?
5. Read Mark 7:24-30. List all the ways the woman was "different" than the Pharisee's and thus unacceptable to God and Jesus in the world's eyes. But how was she also "different," which lead her to be accepted by Jesus?
6. How did the woman put herself into the parable? What does that show about her?
7. How do we as people often emphasize (or count) "good works" to be acceptable to God or the church, instead of faith? How could we be more like Jesus and emphasize "faith" rather than human righteous acts?
8. How can we be more accepting of hurt and hurting sinful people who need healing from Christ? How could we individually and corporately as a church be more like a hospital and less like a place of judgment and condemnation?
9. Pray for each other.