

## Small Group Study Notes

### Mark 7:1-23

1. We have just had a description of Jesus in the marketplace (6:56) and now we are told about the Pharisees and the marketplace (7:4). What sort of differences do you think we would we have seen between the way Jesus would have acted down at the market and the way the Pharisees would have acted down at the market?
2. What was good about this fastidious hand washing and what was bad?
3. Jesus called the Pharisees “hypocrites”. In what way were they hypocritical?
4. These Pharisees honestly believed that Jesus’ disciples were a bad witness by eating with unwashed hands. To what extent do externals like smoking and clubbing and so on make us a bad witness?
5. The matter of “Corban” is nothing more than an illustration of the point Jesus is making. What could be a current illustration of the same point?
6. Corban puts Num 30:1 and Ex 20:12 in direct opposition. When we have two laws from God in direct opposition how do we know which one should take precedent?
7. As far as Jesus was concerned what is the source of uncleanness?
8. If Jer 17:9 is true how can we ever make ourselves clean?