

“Washed Up!”

What do you think is the most misunderstood law in your country? Why?

Read Mark 7:1-23.

1. What was the issue the Scribes and Pharisees had with disciples?
 - A. They kept crowds of people and did not feed them.
 - B. They did not welcome the visitors into the town.
 - C. The disciples were Jesus' exclusive club.
 - D. Jesus allowed them to eat with unwashed hands (Mark 7:2).
 - E. They thought the disciples were a racist group.
 - F. These men were not upholding the tradition of the elders (Mark 7:3).
 - G. The disciples were playing pick-up basketball with gentiles.
 - H. They had no respect for the rules they established for prayers.
 - I. Jesus' followers loved Him more than the religious leaders.
 - J. Other.

2. What was Jesus' response to this “hit-squad”?
 - A. “Do you not understand, I am God, I do whatever I want?”
 - B. Jesus said to them, “You are all hypocrites!” (Mark 7:6).
 - C. “Go away, you are all demon possessed!”
 - D. “You worship me in vain, teaching men’s doctrines as law” (Mark 7:7).
 - E. “If you say anything else to me, I will bomb you!”
 - F. “Would you check your own hands? There’s lots of blood on them.”
 - G. “Go give your flimsy questions to your peers!”
 - H. “You are all very angry people!”
 - I. Other.

3. What did Jesus say to the people after addressing the Scribes?
 - A. “Don’t worry about those losers.”
 - B. “Are you going to follow them too?”
 - C. “What goes in a man don’t defile him, it is what comes out” (Mark 7:15).
 - D. “If any of you have ears to hear, please listen to me” (Mark 7:16).
 - E. “Let’s all shake the dust from our feet and leave this place.”
 - F. “Let’s go eat, drink, and be merry!”
 - G. “If you are going to follow me, you have to relate to people like this.”
 - H. “When you are in my crowd, there is a target on your back.”
 - I. Other.

4. How did Jesus respond to the disciples' question in the house? (Mark 7:16)
 - A. He said, "You guys are cowards too."
 - B. "Don't question me about such frivolous things!"
 - C. "Are you also without understanding?" (Mark 7:18).
 - D. "What goes into a man does not corrupt the heart" (Mark 7:19).
 - E. "Do you believe them, or do you believe in me?"
 - F. "Why do you hold their traditions in your hearts?"
 - G. "Break out the wine, we got them again!"
 - H. Other.

5. What did Jesus say to His disciples about the heart of humans?
 - A. "The hearts of humanity are saddened with lust."
 - B. "There is no love within the hearts of humans."
 - C. "Evil thoughts come from hearts of humans" (Mark 7:21).
 - D. "Human beings have no love for their parents."
 - E. "Hearts of people are only warm to those they love."
 - F. "Persons who hold hate in their hearts are hell bound."
 - G. "The people in this world have hearts filled with peace."
 - H. Other.

6. What are some of the things Jesus lists, that come from human hearts?
 - A. Peace and kindness.
 - B. Power and prestige.
 - C. Adultery, fornication, and murder (Mark 7:21).
 - D. Theft, covetousness, wickedness, deceit (Mark 7:22).
 - E. Playfulness, prayers, encouragement.
 - F. Blasphemy, pride, and foolishness (Mark 7:22).
 - G. Meekness, gentleness, self-control.
 - H. Faith, love, hope.
 - I. Other.

7. What traditions of the church do you hold to that are not necessarily biblical?

8. Is the list Jesus gives in Mark 7:20-23 relatable to you? If so how?