A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study Date: June 3, 2018 Mark 7:1-23

- 1. What was happening at the end of last week's text?
 - a. People recognized Jesus and ran throughout the whole region...
 - b. People carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.
 - c. Wherever Jesus went they brought the sick into the marketplaces and begged him to let them touch even the edge of the cloak.
 - d. All who touched his cloak were healed.
- 2. What happens in 7:1-4?
 - a. The Pharisees and teachers of the law came from Jerusalem and gathered around Jesus.
 - b. The Pharisees and teachers of the law saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were unwashed.
 - c. The disciples still can't eat in peace.
 - d. It was tradition (and the Pharisees still followed it) to wash their hands ceremonially.
 - e. Didn't their grandma tell them to wash their hands before they eat?
- 3. How did Jesus respond to the Pharisees' challenge, according to 7:6-8?
 - a. He quoted scripture that suggested they were hypocrites.
 - b. He accused them of honoring God with their lips while their hearts are far from Him.
 - c. He accused them of being unspiritual and focusing more on human rules.
- 4. When Jesus was done quoting scripture, how did he apply it more specifically to them, according to 7:9-13?
 - a. He said that they set aside the commands of God in order to observe their own traditions.
 - b. He gave an example of how they turned away from the command of Moses in favor of a tradition that allowed them to give to God what Moses had commanded should be used to take care of their parents as they age.

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