

This Week's Text: Mark 6:53-7:30 – The Powerful Purifier

Next Week's Text: Mark 7:31-8:26– The Powerful Healer

I. Jesus' Purifying Power is Recognized by the Desperate (6:53-56)

- a. The Desperate Recognize Him and **Respond** (53-54)
- b. The Desperate Recognize Him and **Recruit** (55-56)

II. Jesus' Purifying Power is Rejected by the Proud (7:1-5)

- a. The Proud Reject Him for Their **Reputation** (7:1)
- b. The Proud Reject Him for Their **Rituals** (7:2-5)
- c. The Proud Reject Him for Their View of His **Representatives** (7:5a)

III. Jesus' Purifying Power is Revealed to All in His Teaching (7:6-23)

- a. Jesus Power Is Revealed to All in His **Rebuke** (7:6-13)
 - i. He Rebukes Their **Refusal** to Hear (7:6-8)
 - ii. He Rebukes Their **Replacement** of the Law (7:9-13)
- b. Jesus Power Is Revealed to All in His **Revision of the Law** (7:14-23)

IV. Jesus' Purifying Power is Requested by the Faithful (7:24-30)

- a. The Faithful Request with **Reverence** (7:24-26a)
- b. The Faithful Request with **Reliance** (7:26-28)
- c. The Faithful Request with **Results** (7:29-30)

Corporate Reading Guide:

This week in Mark 4-8 look for the way Jesus interacts with Gentiles. Consider how this may have made an impact on Mark's Gentile readers in the first century?

- For example, Jesus took time away from His urgent mission to heal Jairus' daughter to heal Bernice, an unclean Gentile woman. What hope this gives the Gentile readers in Rome that Jesus cares for them despite their uncleanness.

Discussion Questions:

1. What impacted you or what did you learn from this week's corporate reading in Mark as you considered His treatment of Gentiles?
2. What impacted you and/or what did you learn from this week's sermon?
3. When we chose not to share the Gospel or invite people to our church our lack of faith is revealed. What specifically could we remember and believe about God to encourage us to be more faithful in our evangelism?
4. Why is a focus on ritual and regulation so dangerous? Specifically, how does it impact our views of salvation and the Scriptures?
5. Is there an area of your life where you once lived by human tradition that God has helped you see that His salvation and Scriptures are sufficient? If so, please share how God grew you in that area.
6. The Gentile woman's example of faith teaches us to come to God in prayer with reverence and reliance. What are some practical ways we can grow to include more of these aspects in our prayer life?
7. We're going to break up and pray in smaller groups. Be humble, and confess an area of your heart that has been impure and sinful lately. Then pray to God, with reverence and reliance, asking Him to purify those in your group.