

TEXT: Matthew 15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Life and Doctrine](#) begins on January 29th
 - A Wilson Life Group Interest Meeting is coming up on March 5th! If you are interested in attending sign up [here](#).
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Ice Breaker: What are some norms in your life that you are not sure where they come from or how they became established?

Matthew 15:1-2

- As a reminder, who were the Pharisees and the Scribes?
- What is the problem that the Pharisees and Scribes have with Jesus here?
- How does their issue here compare to the other problems they have had with Jesus?

Matthew 15:3-9

- How does Jesus respond to the Pharisees and Scribes?
- What are some ways that we do not view Scripture correctly? Have you ever ignored certain parts or changed certain things in Scripture so it could fit your lifestyle?
- What is the problem when we take this approach to Scripture?
- How can we make sure that we are reading and interpreting Scripture correctly?

Matthew 15:10-13

- Where is Jesus saying the problem with every human is?
- How do the Pharisees respond to Jesus message?
- How do we see the difference between Religion and Christianity in this passage?
- What are some ways you may struggle with being religious(do better and try harder) compared to what Jesus offers, inward change?

Matthew 15:15-20

- What can we learn about where Jesus priorities are from this passage?
- How can you eliminate the things spoken of in v. 19?
- Where should our focus be as Christians according to Jesus in this passage?

Quotes

The hands are susceptible to uncleanness and they are rendered clean [by the pouring over them of water] up to the wrist. Thus if a man had poured the first water up to the wrist and the second water beyond the wrist, and the water flowed back to the hand, the hand becomes clean; but if he poured both the first water and the second beyond the wrist, and the water flowed back to the hand, the hand remains unclean. If he poured the first water over the one hand alone and then bethought himself and poured the second water over the one hand, his one hand [alone] is clean. If he had poured the water

over the one hand and rubbed it on the other, it becomes unclean; but if he rubbed it on his head or on the wall [to dry it] it remains clean. (Yadaim 2.3)

