

THIS IS US

Week 3 - Who Teaches Us How to Live?

Mark 7:6–13

The Reformation raised questions about how the church examines inherited teachings and practices. Jesus' challenge to a tradition that displaced care for parents helps us explore what it means to let Scripture shape, and sometimes correct, our beliefs and lives.

Senior High — Before the Message

1. What makes an idea feel trustworthy to you before you have examined it yourself?
2. In Mark 7:6–13, how was a religious practice being used to avoid honoring parents?
3. Why can questioning an inherited belief feel like questioning the people who taught it to us?
4. How can we recognize when we are using Scripture mainly to defend what we already think?
5. Someone says, "Giving to a church project excuses neglecting my responsibilities at home." How would you evaluate that claim using this passage?

Junior High — After the Message

1. When have you been sure an instruction was right and then discovered you had misunderstood it?
2. What responsibility were people avoiding through a religious explanation in Mark 7?
3. Why is "we have always done it this way" sometimes an incomplete reason for doing something?
4. What would help you listen when Scripture challenges something you have assumed?
5. How could you practice generosity while still honoring a responsibility you already have?