**SERMON SERIES:** 52
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# Sermon Title:

"What Makes You a Good Person?"

# Introduction

This week in our 52 series, we talked about what makes you a good person. Many of us have our own qualifications for what makes someone a good person, however, we see in the way that Jesus examines goodness that our human measures of goodness fall short of what actually makes a good person. We learn that it is more important to reflect on what is in our hearts.

- How do you define a good person? Maybe it's by the things that they say or do. Maybe it's about the motives they have. Share how you quantify goodness with the group.

# Seek the Word

- Read Mark 7:1-13. Jesus accuses the Pharisees of nullifying the word of God through their own traditions and customs. What are some other examples of the Pharisees doing the same thing throughout the Gospels?
- Read Mark 7:14-23. Jesus declares that it is not what enters a person that defiles them but what comes out of them. In what way do we see this truth play out in the ministry of Jesus?

# Go Deeper

Read Romans 14. The whole chapter is about how we judge what is clean and unclean. What does this add to the truth that Jesus is teaching in Mark 7? How does this deepen your understanding of what truly defiles a person?

# Talk About It

- Spend some time in reflection. Is there something in your heart that might be defiling you?
- What are some ways that Jesus is calling you into living Godly lives? What might you be withholding from Him?
- Take some time to pray with one another. Pray that God might transform the things in your heart so that you find the goodness that Jesus teaches of. Pray that God will help you guard your heart against what truly defiles a person.

# Wrap Up

*Reminder:* Godly transformation happens from the inside out.

*Challenge:* Reflect on an area in your life where Jesus may not have full access to. Is it sexual immorality? Greed? Pride? Spend some time every day this week in prayer, offering that area in your life up to God.