

# Matthew 15:10-28

## Church Acts Guide

- What are some priorities and plans you have for this season of your life? (from Acts 1:6-11 regarding Jesus plan for the church).
- After a couple of weeks perspective, do you have any thoughts on traditions or common practices that are common in our lives, our church or our society that it would easy for a Christian to adopt? Can you think of anything avoided by some Christians that you do not feel you need to avoid?

## Matthew 15:10-20 The heart verses the stomach

- Jesus seems to set aside the traditions on cleanliness. Why is that? How does this fit with Jesus saying that he came to fulfill the law not to set it aside?
- Jesus teaches defilement comes from within us (our heart) and not from outside (what we eat). Do you think this was a surprise to the disciples? To our culture?
- See vs 13,14. Why does Jesus tell the disciples to ignore the Pharisees criticisms? Can you think of examples where we should apply this teaching?
- What should we do to guard our hearts so that we are not defiled?

## Matthew 15:21-28 Healing a Canaanite woman's daughter

Tyre was 35 miles North of Galilee, Sidon about 60 miles North (a serious walk!).

- Why did Jesus and the disciples go so far North?
- Why did Jesus hesitate to heal the woman's daughter?
- Why did Jesus ultimately heal the woman's daughter?
- What do we learn about Jesus and how we should approach him?

**From the events we discussed this week, what is one thing that you will try to put into practice this week?**