

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGE - Matthew 15

*Matthew 15:1 Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, 2 "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat." 3 He answered them, "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?*

*...10 And he called the people to him and said to them, "Hear and understand: 11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person."*

*... 17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled?<sup>[a]</sup> 18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.*

*Ephesians 4 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds<sup>[c]</sup> and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.*

**Other Passages:** Phil 3:9, Ezekiel 36, Jer 17:9

**Connect:**

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

**Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

1. Have two different people read Matthew 15:10-20 from two different translations and take some time to hear what is being said, really pause and read through them slowly and not rushing through it.
2. Name a person who really listens to you or share a story of someone listening deeply, describe what that does to your relationship? Reflect also how important this is to the relationship we have with Jesus.
3. Go around and have some people share what Jesus means by this teaching on the tradition, what traditions do you think should be honored more in your family and work? And what should be reconsidered in your family and community? .
4. How relevant is this message to the area or your family or community? Why does it matter to you?
5. How will you Stop and Steer this week?

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**