

Jesus Unexpected--What's in your Heart

Text: Matthew 15:1-20

Purpose: Our outward actions are directed by what's in our heart. Jesus teaches us how to examine our hearts and pick up on three types of hearts that we can experience.

Opening Question: What are your top manners/etiquette?

Read and Discuss: Matthew 15:1-20

1. *Why was it so important for the Pharisees to wash their hands before eating? Why does Jesus not care about the disciples following the tradition of the elders?*
2. *What can be some traditions today that people follow thinking it*
3. *Why is it important to examine our hearts? What are some fears we have about examining our hearts? What keeps us from examining?*
4. *Which type of heart would best describes you?*
 - a. *Proud Heart-hard, rebellious heart that is self focused*
 - b. *Wounded Heart-rejected heart, wounded from gossip, insults and words*
 - c. *Divided Heart--restless, striving, unsatisfied heart*
5. *How does Jesus deal with our hearts? How does His death and resurrection prove that He will free our heart?*