



## Gospel Community Study Questions

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Gospel of Mark | The Marks of False Religion

**Key Passages:** *Mark 7:1-13; Colossians 2:8*

**Big Idea:** *True religion is faith in Jesus Christ*

### Read and Recap

Read Mark 7:1-13 and briefly recap the narrative.

### Discuss

In the passage Jesus exposes the guilt of the religious leaders for elevating human traditions above the Word of God. In what ways might we be guilty of doing the same thing in our own lives and church? *Think about what might be our equivalent of the two traditions exposed in this passage (v1-5; v19-12).*

Reading Colossians 2:8, what do you think are the dangers of overemphasizing human tradition, particularly in the context of the church?

Scripture doesn't portray human traditions as always being bad. How can human traditions help point us to Christ and grow in our faith?

How does verse 6 of Mark 7 help us understand what true religion/saving faith in Jesus, is? What do you think the marks of *true* religion are?

Take some time to discuss together how we can help guard each other from staying into false religion.

### Close & Pray

Close your time with prayer for each other and our church, that we would reject false religion and stay close to Jesus.

### Coming Up

Next week we'll be looking at Mark 7:14-23 together considering the heart of false religion.