

■ Mark 7:1-13 - "Commands or Traditions"

Key Thought/Action: Have we been setting aside what's more important? What's the main thing or things and are we doing them?

Special Prayer for Winston Kulp:

Going to Bald Eagle Boys Camp

Welcome/Prayer:

Psalm 146:1-10, Revelation 5:9-10

Review:

Do something to make rest & renewal possible in your life.

Practice being thankful to God by speaking it, and/or by writing it down and watch how it changes you.

From Gideon: Success can lead to the trap of relying on yourself and not God.

Children's Time:

Sit on stage in an oval

Pretending to have a feast

"What favorite foods should we have?" (take a few responses)

Before we start the meal, tell me some jobs or chores you have to do at home. (take a few responses)

Let's say your parents asked you do this chore _____. Before the meal they ask you if you did the chore.

You say no, you didn't do the chore, but you offer to give them your portion of the meal (whatever food) _____.

Do you think they would accept that? Would they like if you didn't do what they asked you to do, but you gave them your (whatever food)?

NO!

1 Samuel 15:22-23 To obey God is more important than giving something to Him.

Intro:

So true for us as well.

Not sure how this will go.

Something valuable, convicting from the course I'm going through, Basic Church, but really it just originates from an honest reading of the Bible.

We will look at Commands and Traditions/Expectations, and I'll invite your input on that in a minute.

Not sure what things will come of that.

For me it creates more questions than answers, but I'm trusting that God is leading us to ask these questions of ourselves.

But let's begin by reading Mark 7:1-13.

Scripture:

Mark 7:1-13

Example/Personal or Others:

List on board Commands and Traditions/Expectations

Summary:

Jesus warned against setting aside God's commands for our traditions.

- Just last week in Sunday School we looked at John 5 where Jesus Heals a Man at the Pool on the Sabbath and tells him to "carry his mat".

Paul guarded against

- baptizing too many 1 Corinthians 1:12-17
- speaking/preaching with eloquent or persuasive words 1 Corinthians 1:17, 2:1-5
 - Removing anything that would distract (even if it was Paul, himself) from Jesus as the focus

Challenge/Application:

Have we been setting aside what's more important?

What's the main thing or things and are we doing them?

Prayer:

Song:

Sharing Time:

Benediction:

MH 721 The Apostles' Creed

Other Resources:

<https://basicchurch.teachable.com>