

SERMON SERIES: MARKED
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Key Line

“Inside out.”

Introduction

So far this year we have been following the life of Jesus as told in the book of Mark. Last week we took a short break from our series to do a live Q&A with Scott Beckenhauer and Ryan Lingbloom. This week, we pick up again in the book of Mark to learn about what the kingdom of God looks like.

- What has been your favorite part of our year here at Calvary so far?
- What are you looking forward to in your own life this next week?

Seek the Word

Read Mark 7:1-23.

- What might verse 13 mean when it says to “nullify the word of God?”
- What does this passage tell us about human sin?
- Why does Jesus say in verse 20 that it is what comes out of a person that defiles them?
- How does this passage explain God’s heart for His people?
- What can we learn about Jesus from this passage?

Go Deeper

Our passage this week talks a bit about traditions. To get a better understanding of the context of this passage, try looking into some different traditions that early Jewish people had. Then, try to find if anything is said about that tradition in the New Testament. Example: Look into what the Old Testament and New Testament say about practicing the Sabbath.

Talk About It

- When you hear that God’s Kingdom is an “inside out” Kingdom, what comes to mind? Is there anything that doesn’t make sense about that?
- Are you more critical/hard on yourself or other people? Why is that?
- Is it easier for you to imagine Jesus forgiving you of your sins or other people of theirs? Why is that?
- What is one thing you can do this week to look more like Jesus on the inside and not just the outside?

Wrap Up

Reminder: The Kingdom of God is an inside out kingdom.

Challenge: Pick a spiritual rhythm and commit to practicing it every day for 7 days. This can be Bible reading, prayer time, communion, worship, or something else. Practice this however you desire for the week - whether it's a short 5 minutes each morning or an hour long at night. The important piece is that you commit to it.