**Honor God With Your Hearts**

Mark 7:1-13 (Key Verse: 7:6b)

*“These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me”*

1. Who had come from Jerusalem and for what purpose might they have gathered around Jesus? (1) What did they see? (2) In light of their religious practices, why might they have been offended by Jesus’ disciples? (3-4)
2. What did the Pharisees and teachers of the law ask Jesus? (5) What was the tradition of the elders? How had traditions probably developed and what was their purpose? Why did Jesus call the Pharisees hypocrites? (6)
3. How did they fulfill Isaiah’s prophesy? (Isa 29:13, 6b) Why is God concerned about the heart? (Ge 6:5; Pr 4:23) Why was the Pharisee’s worship in vain? (6b,7) What can we learn from Jesus?
4. What is more important than following traditions of men? (8) Think about some examples of following the traditions of men instead of God’s words.
5. How did the Pharisees and teachers of the law set aside the commands of God to observe their own traditions? (9-12) What does “you do many things like that” show about them? (13)