

Matthew 15:10-20; Mk 7:1-13; John 6:41-7:1 - Daily Study Questions

4. In John 6:63-66 what had Jesus spoken to His disciples (v64) and what was the benefit (v63)? What had been the result (v64, 66) and why (v65)?	
5. From John 6:67-71 what did Jesus then ask (v67) and what did this lead Peter to affirm specifically (v68, 69)? How did Jesus respond to this (v70-71) and what was His objective?	
6. Look at Mark 7:1-8. What caused the Jewish leaders concern (v1-2, 5) and why (v3-4)? What was Jesus' analysis of them (v6, 7, 8)? How do we do this?	
7. Using Mark 7:9-13 what example does Jesus use to show the Pharisees' hypocrisy (v9-10, 11-12)? What did this essentially do (v13)?	
8. Read Matt 15:10-14. What does and does not defile someone (v10-11)? Who did this offend and how did the disciples react (v12)? What was Jesus' response (v13-14)? Apply.	
9. According to Matt 15:15-20 what did the disciples ask (v15) and why (v16)? How did Jesus explain His answer (v17, 18, 20)? What reveals the heart of someone (v19)?	
10. Based on John 7:1 what was the result of Jesus' analysis of the Jewish leaders' hearts? What does this teach us about speaking the truth and when should we follow His example?	
11. Looking at Jesus' teaching what does it mean to receive Jesus as the Bread of Life, and why does this cause some to grumble? What kind of a heart receives this bread, what kind doesn't, and how do we know our heart?	

Scripture to Remember

“Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
And we have believed and have
come to know that you are
the Holy One of God.”

John 6:68-69 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—When Failing Is Fulfilling (Isaiah 6:1-11)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. When you think of doing God's will what comes to your mind? Share with the group the most "radical" thing God ever told you to do. How did that work out?
2. Read Is 6:1-11. Why do people think of God as either a policeman or grandfather? Why do we need to know Him as King, and as the sole object of worship instead?
3. Talk about some of the ways that God is "holy", or set apart - above all, glorious, pure. How does this impact you and your relationship with Him?
4. Why is it vital that we "get real about ourselves" to be able to do God's will effectively? What helps you to take an honest look at yourself? What is the outcome?
5. Discuss the sequence that leads to restoration—Grasp who God is, confess our sinfulness, receive God's forgiveness, serve God out of gratitude. Why is each step necessary, and which step do you need to work on most?
6. What area of practical holiness is God leading you to deal with now? In an overall sense what is God leading you to do with your life and what is holding you back?
7. Talk about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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Heart Murmurs

Matthew 15; Mark 7; John 6

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In the physical realm heart murmurs, audible noises caused by turbulent blood flow through the heart, don’t necessarily indicate a diseased heart. In the spiritual realm, though, there are outward signs of inward heart problems. In this week’s study Jesus’ teaching caused murmuring from various listeners, showing that they indeed had spiritual heart disease. We find His listeners in the first segment in John 6:41-58 arguing over Jesus’ claims. He claimed to be the Bread of life that had come down out of heaven, and further promised that if someone ate this bread that they would have eternal life. They grumbled about His audacious claim since they thought they knew His earthly origin, and they argued whether He meant that they would have to eat His

flesh and drink His blood. Jesus meant that if we made Him our very life that we would have life through this Bread. Although the Jewish leaders didn’t receive Him as the Bread of life, in the next section, John 6:59-71, there is a clear affirmation of Jesus’ identity. As He explained only those to whom the Spirit had revealed Him could receive Him as the heavenly Bread of life, so Jesus understood why He was rejected by the Jews. However, His true disciples, like Peter, knew that He was the Holy One of God who had the words of eternal life. They knew there was no other place to go to find this; He was the “one and only”. Jesus accepted this, but realistically knew that even one of the twelve would reject Him and that the Jews who had heard His words were plotting to kill Him. This



Jesus’ one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

led Him back into Galilee. There He was condemned by the Jews in Capernaum for not keeping God’s law. This led Jesus to an analysis of His critics in Mark 7:1-13 and Matthew 15:10-20. They hid behind the law to carry out their own desires and in so doing revealed what was really in their hearts. As Jesus said it was not the things that were put into the mouth that made them unclean, but those things that came out of the heart that resulted in defilement. Their actions revealed evil hearts, “heart murmurs” that would result in their condemnation.

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(For answers go to <http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions>)

<p>1. Read John 6:41-51. Why were the Jews grumbling (v41-42) and how does Jesus explain it (v44-45)? What claims did Jesus make about Himself (v46, 47, 48-51)? What else would He do (v51)?</p>	
<p>2. Using John 6:52-58 why were the Jews arguing (v52) and what was Jesus’ answer (v53-54)? What did this mean (v55-56)? What other promise did He make (v57, 58)?</p>	
<p>3. From John 6:59-62 how does the attention shift (v59, 60)? How did the disciples’ respond (v60) and why do you think they did? How did Jesus answer this (v61-62) and what did He mean?</p>	

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