

# THE TRAINING OF THE TWELVE

Adult Discipleship Class Spring 2020

## **THE TRAINING OF THE TWELVE- CHAPTER 8- “Religious Liberty”- Mark 7:1-23- “Why do I do what I do?”**

### **Scriptures: Mark 7:1-23**

This is a continuation on the theme, “Religious Liberty”. Many times Jesus was questioned by the Pharisees, “Why do your disciples...” always indicating their disapproval of their practice of the faith. The Pharisees leaned towards favoring the traditions of men, while Christ looked to the heart. They focused on ceremony, he focused on intent.

This period of time we find ourselves in right now allows us the same opportunity to evaluate are we focused on practices of our faith, or the purpose of our faith in what we are doing.

### **BIG QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

1. What are some ways today we place religious tradition over the moral law of God?
2. Is there anything inherently wrong with the traditions of; church on Sunday, quiet times, tithing, serving the poor, missions trips?
3. At what point would these practices deserve Jesus’ rebuke? Have we been rebuked?
4. Am I in a religious rut?
5. What am I currently doing for God that is not motivated out of love?
6. Am I using my freedom in Christ to justify a behavior that is in opposition to God’s law?
7. What will I do about any of my answers to these questions?