



#MC3CHURCHCLUB 



Discussion
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“CHURCH CLEAR”

09/16/18

IN A CLUB, PEOPLE ATTEND WHEN IT'S CONVENIENT
in the church, PEOPLE ARE DRAWN TO WORSHIP

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Do you know anyone with weird or wild family traditions? What are they? Do you have any unusual traditions in your family?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- What are some traditions [outside of the church] that once had or have a valuable purpose? [think about social customs, etiquette, rules, etc.]
- Do you think traditions are bad in/of themselves? Why or why not?
- **Read Matthew 15:1-2. *Traditions without Purpose are Pointless.*** Why did Jesus allow His disciples to not ceremonially wash their hands?
- If people see worship as just a pointless tradition, how does this affect their attitude and actions? How does this affect their “attendance”?
- **Read Matthew 15:3-6. *Traditions without Obedience are Offensive.*** Why was this “loophole” made by the Pharisees offensive to God?
- How can traditions lead to disobedience? In what ways has the American church put traditions above worship (be gracious)?
- **Read Matthew 15:7-9. *Traditions without Emotion are Empty.*** Here Jesus reminds us that our heart is the issue when it comes to worship.
- What are some ways that people evaluate external things rather than their own heart when it comes to worship? [didn't like the songs; teaching was boring; etc.] Have you been guilty of doing one of these?
- **Read Psalm 19:14.** In this verse, what are the two things that David want to use to please God? How does our heart *draw* us into worship?
- Be honest and share: does your heart match your words when it comes to worship? What is one thing you can do to work toward fixing that?
- Pray for each person's heart/word struggle.

The References

Main Passage: Matthew 15:1-9 (NLT)

Some Pharisees and teachers of religious law now arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. They asked him, "Why do your disciples disobey our age-old tradition? For they ignore our tradition of ceremonial hand washing before they eat." Jesus replied, "And why do you, by your traditions, violate the direct commandments of God? For instance, God says, 'Honor your father and mother,' and 'Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.' But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, 'Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.' In this way, you say they don't need to honor their parents. And so you cancel the word of God for the sake of your own tradition. You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.'

Psalms 19:14 (NIRV)

Lord, may the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing in your eyes. You are my Rock and my Redeemer.

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.