**[ Inductive Bible Study Question – LA UBF ]**

**Mark 7:1-13**

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| The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus **2** and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. **3** (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. **4** When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mark+7&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24468a)])  **5** So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”  **6** He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:  “‘These people honor me with their lips,  but their hearts are far from me.  **7**  They worship me in vain;  their teachings are merely human rules.’[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mark+7&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24471b)]  **8** You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”  **9** And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mark+7&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24473c)] your own traditions! **10** For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mark+7&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24474d)] and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mark+7&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24474e)] **11** But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— **12** then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. **13** Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.” |

**I. General observation (What does the text say?)**

The first step in Inductive Bible Study is to get the **big picture**; to see the **forest** before the individual trees!

Focus on understanding the overall context and structure. Apply Observation tools selectively to the text situation.

**1. Identify a Genre of this chapter**

Historical Narrative

**2. Big Picture**

identified the background, historical context and overall sense of the entire book

🡪 Refer to the book of Mark gospel Introduction

**3. Factual Study**

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| **Read whole passage, divide the passage into different paragraphs and make your own subtitle for each paragraph (10 min)** |

**II. Observe and interpret paragraphs according to the following division.**

**1. Try to figure out this event using 5W1H.**

- Who (main characters) :

- When (time) :

- Where (place) :

- What (what happened?) :

**2.What are the emphasized or repeated words of the passage?**

**- emphasized word**

**- repeated word**

**3. Write down the contrasts and comparisons in the passage.**

**4. Write down the connections.**

**(**If condition, cause & effect etc)

**5. Write down the main points of this passage.**

(Consider the author's flow of thought)

**6. What are keywords and verses?**

**7. Write down the main thought of the passage in one sentence.**

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| **8. Interpretation & Application**  **(“What lesson does the passage give to the audience? & How can I apply the text to me?”)**  **1) Interpretive questions? (The questions that we make to get the lesson from the text)**  Ex) Why should we love one another?    **2) Interpretation**  **3) Apply the text to your life**   * **The Word that touched your heart** * **Examine yourself with the word and write what you find. (refer to the guideline)** * **What can you do to obey the word? (try to write specific action)** |

**III. Let’s share our application in the group taking a turn.**

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**\* Guideline for application**

**Step1) Examine Ourselves**

Examine your life by asking nine questions in five areas.

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| **<Areas to Examine>**  My relation with God  My personal life  My relations with others  (family, church, work..)  My relation with the enemy  My world | **<Nine Questions>**  Is there an example for me to follow?  Is there a sin to avoid?  Is there a promise to claim?  Is there a prayer to repeat?  Is there a command to obey?  Is there a condition to meet?  Is there a verse to memorize?  Is there an error to mark?  Is there a challenge to face? |

**Step2) Make Action Plan**

1) Decide on a specific action (goal of meditation)

2) Application must be practical: - Practical / Measurable / Attainable

**Step3) Share your decision**

**Step4) Do action**

**Step5) Check your fruit of application**