

## Mark 7:1-37

- A. Confrontation over the Tradition of the Elders (vv. 1-13).
  - 1. Defilement—Unclean hands.
  - 2. Isaiah 29:13
  - 2. Hand or Heart Sanitizer?
  
- B. A Public and Private Explanation of Purity (vv. 14-23).
  - 1. Evil: Inside or Outside.
  
- C. Inclusivity or Exclusivity? (vv.24-30).
  - 1. Jesus temporarily withholds his help? “The door is shut against her, not for the purpose of excluding her altogether, but that, by a more strenuous effort of faith, she may force her way, as it were, through the chinks.” –John Calvin
  - 2. Gentiles—impure; outside of the covenant.
  - 3. Israel—children; Gentiles—dogs.
  - 4. Woman’s response about the bread: signals she understands the message of grace and salvation.
  
- D. Healing in the Decapolis: Gentile Territory (vv.31-37).
  - 1. Jesus extends restoration to the Gentiles.
  - 2. Where is the focus? Upon Jesus or the man’s needs.
  - 2. Spiritual Deafness in 2011—inside and outside of the church.