

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Luke 11:28

He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

LIFE OF CHRIST 13-1

Lesson Scripture:

**Matthew 12:38-45;
15:1-16:12
Mark 7:1-8:26
Luke 11:24-36**

"Ministry in Gentile Regions"**DAY 1 READ THE LESSON SCRIPTURE**

1. What was meaningful to you in last week's lesson?
2. What were the concerns of the disciples in today's Scripture?

DAY 2 "Tradition and the Heart of Man" REVIEW MARK 7:1-23 (Matthew 15:1-20)

3. a. The Gospel of Mark was written to the Gentile reader so Mark explained the Jewish customs. What was the issue from the Pharisees' point of view?
 - b. . . . from Jesus' point of view?
4. a. What did Jesus say Isaiah had correctly prophesied?
 - b. Do you think this means we are to eliminate all church "traditions?" Why or why not?
 - c. How do you distinguish between doctrine and tradition?
5. God's Law said to honor your father and mother. Under Jewish tradition, how could a man relieve himself of that obligation?
6. What principle did Jesus teach regarding defilement?
7. a. From Matthew 15:12, what was the concern of the disciples?
 - b. What was Jesus' answer?
8. In Mark 7:19 Jesus declared all food "clean." What do you learn in Romans 14:17?
9. Mark 7:21-23 says the _____ is the true indicator of being "unclean."

DAY 3 "Syrophenician Woman" REVIEW MATTHEW 15:21-28 (Mark 7:24-30)

10. What did the Canaanite woman want from Jesus?
11. a. What was the problem of the disciples?
 - b. . . . the purpose of Jesus' ministry?
 - c. . . . persuasion the woman used?
12. Jesus sent His disciples to the "lost sheep of Israel" (Lesson 11). He again declared that as His mission. Summarize what is said of Israel in these Scriptures:
 - a. Jeremiah 50:6
 - b. Ezekiel 34:11-16
13. Share a time when you've seen faith rewarded.

DAY 4 "Healings and 4,000 Fed" REVIEW MARK 7:31-8:10 (Matthew 15:29-39)

14. a. Briefly in your own words tell how Jesus healed the deaf and dumb man at Decapolis.
- b. Why do you think He did it privately and not publicly?
- c. What person in your life has cared enough to bring you closer to Jesus?
15. a. In Matthew 15:29-31 Jesus healed many others. "And they _____."
 b. Share a praise in your heart with your group.
16. What did Jesus feel for the multitude and why?
17. a. In the feeding of the multitude, what food was available?
 - b. How was it distributed and what was left over?
 - c. Matthew 15:38 says how many were fed?
18. The disciples appear to have forgotten the previous feeding of the five thousand. In your opinion, why?

DAY 5 "Signs Sought" REVIEW MATTHEW 12:38-45, 16:1-12 (Mark 8:11-26; Luke 11:24-36)

19. a. Who seeks after a sign?

b. Jesus equated Jonah in the belly of a fish to what?

20. a. Why will Ninevah and the Queen of the South (Sheba) stand at the judgment to accuse this generation?

b. As a believer, apply that to yourself. Of what could you stand at the judgment and accuse your generation?

21. a. What did the unclean spirit do when it could find no place of rest?

b. What would be the state of the man?

22. In Luke 11:33-36 Jesus again used the parable of the lamp (Lesson 9). He said that "the eye is the lamp of your body." Explain what that means to you.

23. a. In Matthew 16:5-12 of what did Jesus warn the disciples to beware?

b. Bread was not the problem, Jesus had proved that by miracles. What was the real warning?

24. a. Mark 8:22-26 recounts the healing at Bethsaida. What was the result of the first touch?

. . . the second touch?

b. Why do you think Jesus did not heal the blind man instantly?

c. Healing of someone's spiritual blindness is often accomplished gradually. But once we see, how are we to live according to Ephesians 5:8-10?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: