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DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Read Matt. 15:1-6. What do you think was the Pharisees goal in pointing out that the disciples did not wash their hands first? Why do you think Jesus didn't answer their question directly but focus on their traditions instead?

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- Read Matt. 15:7-9. Are you following the Lord from your heart? How is that manifest in your life? Do you go to church because you are excited to learn more about Him or because it is a habit?
- Pastor Jeff in his message asked, "what are the very good and God honoring things that we do that could potentially get turned sideways?"
- Read Matt. 15:10-20. How did Jesus shift the emphasis away from external issues like unclean and clean foods (See ver.10-11)? How did Jesus redefine "unclean"? (15:17-20)
- Read Matt. 15:12-14. How did Jesus tell his disciples to feel about or respond to those who don't accept the truth? Is Christ's parable of the blind leading the blind just as relevant today as in Jesus' day?
- Read Matthew 15:15-20. Did the disciples understand the parable, or did they find it hard to accept? Pastor Jeff stated, "Our words and actions are an indicator of the heart". What do your words show about your heart?

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