

Group Notes Sunday 30th March 2008

The Heart of the Matter – Mark 7:14-23

The key point from Sunday's sermon was that it was not outward things that make us unacceptable before God but rather it is an inward problem. Our problem is that our heart is not right before him. We are 'defiled' by sin and therefore in desperate need of a Saviour.

1. Share what it felt like when you became a Christian and got right with God (had your sin dealt with). Or share a time when you knew you were right before God.
2. The problem that Jesus highlights in the passage is that we ignore the real problem (our sinful heart) and instead try and earn God's acceptance by doing outward acts. What traps of "trying" to earn God's acceptance are you most likely to fall into? Discuss as a group how to help one another avoid the traps.
3. Are there things that you know you need to put right with God? Share honestly with one another – you may need to break down into smaller groups for this. Spend some time praying with one another in this area.
4. When you have finished you could spend some time praying for those you know who do not yet know Jesus.