

Study Guide on Matthew 15:1-20

King James Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Matthew 15:1-20

(Matthew 15:1) Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

(Matthew 15:2) Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

(Matthew 15:3) But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

(Matthew 15:4) For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

(Matthew 15:5) But ye say, Whosoever shall say to *his* father or *his* mother, *It is a gift*, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

(Matthew 15:6) And honour not his father or his mother, *he shall be free*. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

(Matthew 15:7) Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

(Matthew 15:8) This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me.

(Matthew 15:9) But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

(Matthew 15:10) And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

(Matthew 15:11) Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

(Matthew 15:12) Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

(Matthew 15:13) But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

(Matthew 15:14) Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

(Matthew 15:15) Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.

(Matthew 15:16) And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?

(Matthew 15:17) Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?

(Matthew 15:18) But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

(Matthew 15:19) For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

(Matthew 15:20) These are *the things* which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?