

Study Guide on Matthew 15:1-9

English Standard 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) Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said,

(Matthew 15:2) “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.”

(Matthew 15:3) He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?

(Matthew 15:4) For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’

(Matthew 15:5) But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,”

(Matthew 15:6) he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God.

(Matthew 15:7) You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

(Matthew 15:8) “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

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

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?