

Study Guide on Matthew 15:1-9

New American Standard Bible

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 some 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 bread.”

(Matthew 15:3) And He answered and said to them, “Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?”

(Matthew 15:4) “For God said, ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,’ and, ‘HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH.’

(Matthew 15:5) “But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever I have that would help you has been given to God,”

(Matthew 15:6) he is not to honor his father or his mother.’ And by this you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

(Matthew 15:7) “You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you:

(Matthew 15:8) ‘THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

(Matthew 15:9) ‘BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS 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?