

# “Father or Taskmaster?”

Mark 7:1-13

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## Connect

1. Share one or two words that describe your past week. Why did you choose those words?

## Discuss:

1. Read Mark 7:1-13 together. How are the religious leaders seeking to go “above and beyond” God’s commands in their traditions and their impositions on Jesus’ disciples?
2. What are some of the ways that Jesus exposes the bankruptcy of legalism in this passage? What is the real result, for the religious leaders, when they try to add to God’s Word?
3. In what ways can we, in the church today, tend to be like the religious leaders in Mark 7? How can we identify ways that we might act like them?
4. What do you learn about Jesus through his angry reaction to the religious leaders in this passage? What seems to be his heart for his disciples, and for his followers today?
5. Why is it so important to see God as, first, a loving Father who has graciously saved us through the work of his Son? How does this view of God, focused on his grace through Jesus, transform the way we seek to obey him and live holy and godly lives?

## Partner:

1. Share reports on how you are doing and requests you may have
2. Praise God for the things He has done and is doing.
3. Pray for one another.