

LifeGroup Study Sheet
October 27th The Devil Made Me...

This is designed to help you prepare for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – was there anything you heard for the very first time? What specifically caught your attention? Was there anything that confused you or challenged you?

Introduction

Brad shared a story at the beginning of the message about a student blaming her actions and comments on her teacher. She said, “you made me say that, it’s not my fault, it’s yours!” Tell a story from your life where you or someone else has said or thought the same thing. The blame for something done was shifted towards an outside factor or person.

Digging IN

Read Mark 7:14-23

1. Jesus is teaching the crowds and people around Him a radical principle about where defilement comes from. This passage shows us that the root of our problem as humans, is not about external factors but our internal condition – the heart. Jesus uses the example of food as the illegitimate source of defilement in this passage as an example. List and explain other things you or our culture sometimes uses as the “source” of defilement.

2. Why does Jesus make it extremely clear that understanding what defile’s a person is critical for us to understand? (Hint) – Read Proverbs 28:26

3. Read the list of attitudes and actions that Jesus gives in verses 21 -22. Which of these do you find your heart expressing?

Attitudes	Actions
Deceit – lying, manipulating	Evil Thoughts – ideas for evil purposes

Sensuality – unrestrained behavior	Sexual Immorality – sexual activity outside of marriage
Envy – desire for what you don't have, lack of generosity towards other	Theft, Murder, Adultery - – Exodus 20:1-17
Slander – defaming another for your promotion	Coveting -
Pride – arrogance, self-centeredness	Wickedness
Foolishness – wrong attitude toward God	

4. Read the following passages and write down how each passage reminds us of what truly cleanses the heart.
- **1 John 1:8-10**
 - **Ezekiel 36:25-27**
 - **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Taking it Home

What are some practical ways your group can remind you this week of how you are a new creation?

How can you remind some else this week that their identity and hearts are being changed by Jesus?

Praise / Prayer Requests

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