

Personal Study

(1) Read Matthew 15:1-6. How were the Pharisees “nullifying the word of God for the sake of their traditions”? _____

(2) Read Matthew 15:7-9. Write down three sins that Jesus addresses in these three verses: _____

(3) Read Acts 10:1-8. What godly characteristics marked the life of Cornelius and his family? _____

(4) Read Acts 10:9-23. Write down the steps that Peter went through in response to the revelation that he received from God: _____

(5) Read Acts 10:24-48. What specifically did God do to show Peter that his love extended to the Gentiles and not just the Jews? _____

(6) Read Acts 10:34-43. Write down the key components of Peter’s message to Cornelius: _____

(7) Previous to the Acts 10 revelation, in what ways was Peter committing the sins that Jesus addressed in Matthew 15? _____

Personal Application

(1) What traditions have most helped you in your faith and why? _____

(2) What traditions have most hurt you in your faith and why? _____

(3) How can you keep your spiritual habits from becoming meaningless external routines that are disconnected from your heart? _____

(4) How do our traditions keep us from missing the heart of God for people who are outside the faith? _____

(5) How do we pass on our faith to our kids in a way that connects them to Christian history but doesn’t make their relationship with God simply about keeping traditions? _____

(6) In what ways is it risky for you personally to break free from some of the traditions in your past that are keeping you from authentically connecting with God? _____
