

Coming Attractions
The Heart of the Problem
Mark 7:1-4, 14-23

Question: What's Wrong with Us?

I. Our Problem from the Perspective of the Pharisees (vs. 1-5)

~ The problem is distancing ourselves from evil out there

II. Our Problem from the Perspective of Jesus (vs. 14-23)

~ The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart

III. Rule-Based Religion vs. the Gospel

Point to Ponder: While we might have the content of the gospel down in our mind, when do find that, at times, we at think like the Pharisees?

A Note to Parents: Please know that the children and youth who leave the service during the sermon are looking at the same passage we will consider each week. We hope that you will initiate a conversation with them about this portion of God's Word.

Next Week: Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent (a church season that serves to ready us to celebrate the incarnation - our God coming in flesh). During the four Sundays of Advent we will be considering the four lofty compound titles that Isaiah applies to Jesus in **Isaiah 8:18-9:7**. This week, we will focus on the title: *Wonderful Counselor*.

