

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

**Lesson Eighteen:** Matthew 15:1–39

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1. Why do you think Pharisees/teachers traveled so far to ask the question in verse 2? What does their question imply about their view of Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. a) What was Jesus' answer to their question? Be thorough.  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
b) Where are you a hypocrite when it comes to Jesus' law?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. a) How did Jesus define "unclean" according to verse 11?  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
b) Why would this be offensive to the Jews?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. a) From the "unclean" list in verse 19, with which items do you struggle?  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
b) Will you bring these to the Lord in prayer and possibly have your small group pray and keep you accountable?

5. Why did Jesus state the Canaanite woman was of great faith? Give at least 3 reasons.
6. a) What do you think of Jesus' answers to the Canaanite woman in verses 22–26?
- b) Why do you think He answered the way He did?
7. Jesus heals many in verses 29–31.
- a) Of what has Jesus healed you?
- b) How have you shown your gratitude to God?
8. When Jesus says He's going to feed the crowd following Him, why do you think the disciples should have answered differently?
9. Give the similarities and differences between the feeding of the 5,000 (Matt. 14:13–21) and these 4,000 (Matt. 15:29–39).

**Similarities**

**Differences**

**Going Deeper:**

**Answer one of the following 3 questions very thoroughly.**

10. Where are you like a Pharisee and you look good externally but something is selfish or rebellious in your heart?

11. In what area of your life do you need to be more like the Canaanite woman with continuous pursuit of God's miracle?

12. Where do you respond pessimistically or negatively to God despite knowing and experiencing His continuous miraculous ways after just experiencing His presence or love for you?

