Questions on Mark chapter 7

1. What is the significance of the fact that the Pharisees and Scribes were from Jerusalem? Verse 1.

2. Were the disciples' hands "defiled" because they were dirty or for another reason? Verses 2-3.

3. Did Jesus oppose keeping their couches, tables, drinking and cooking vessels clean? Verse 4.

4. What was Jesus' reply to the charge of not walking "according to the tradition of the elders"? Verses 5-7.

5. According to Jesus, why did the Scribes and Pharisees "reject the commandment of God"? Verses 8-9.

6. Who was saying "It is *corban*" a failure to honor father and mother? Verses 10-11.

7. In what way did the tradition of the elders make the word of God or none effect? Verses 12-13.

8. According to Jesus, can anything from without defile the soul of a man? Verses 14-15.

9. Did Jesus' disciples really understand His teaching? Verses 16-17.

10. Why, according to Jesus, doesn't that which enters from without defile the man? Verses 18-19.

11. From what place do the things come that defile the man? Verses 20-23.

12. Do you think Jesus went into the area of Tyre and Sidon for preaching and working miracles or for another reason? Verse 24.

13. Why was Jesus not successful in His desire for privacy? Verse 25.

14. Why do you think Mark stressed the fact that the woman who approached Him was a Greek and a Syrophoenician? Verse 26.

15. Why did Jesus initially reluctant to honor the woman's request? Verse 17.

16. Why did Jesus say it was not meet (allowed) for Him to take the children's bread and to cast it unto the dogs? Verse 27. (See Matthew 15:24)

17. McGarvey said he knew not which to admire more - the readiness of the woman's wit or the depth of her humility. What was it that expressed her wit and her humility? Verse 28.

18. How is the woman's victory an illustration of Jesus' teaching in Luke 18:1? Verse 29.

19. Why do you think the woman's daughter was "laid upon the bed" if the demon had gone out? Verse 30.

20. Where was Decapolis in relation to the Sea of Galilee? Verse 31.

21. What was different or peculiar in the way Jesus dealt with the deaf man with the speech impediment? Verses 32-33.

22. What is the meaning of the word "*Ephphatha*"? Verse 34.

23. What in Jesus' actions would indicate His continued desire for privacy? Verses 33-36.

24. What had changed in these people since the legion of demons was cast out of one of their citizens? Verse 37.