COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, October 25th

***Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

Prayer and Praise:

As a group, to encourage one another in your evangelistic efforts, share about opportunities that you have had to share Christ.

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: *#147 – And Can it Be.*

Together in the Word:

1. In Matthew 15:1–6, explain what the scribes and Pharisees did to avoid obedience to God's Law? _____
2. From Matthew 15:1–3, Pastor Bryan recognized that a similar tendency can exist in our hearts – "We set up our religious standards and expect everyone else to follow them." How have you seen this in your Christian experience? _____
3. Pastor Bryan also noted, "When we desire to get around something we don't want to do, we can be very creative in our ways of rationalizing and justifying." How have YOU sensed this tendency in your own heart? _____
4. What is the difference between hypocrisy and failing to be all that God wants us to be? _____
5. Read 1 Timothy 5:1–16. Why does Paul, and ultimately God, care that widows who are supported by the church be godly in character (vv. 9-10)? _____
6. How could financially supporting the wrong type of person lead to their spiritual harm? _____

GIVE NO OCCASION FOR REPROACH

I Timothy 5:9-16

Series #19

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"Give No Occasion for Reproach."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. It would have been fascinating to be around Jesus but it also would have been what?
2. What, in relation to Jesus, would often unmask everyone's shortcomings and hypocrisy and heart condition?
3. What was not the issue in Matthew 15:1-2?
4. The phrase "the tradition of the elders" refers to a set of non-biblical rules that had come about since the time of what?
5. Before eating, the elders mandated that you had to wash your hands in a what?
6. The elders ended up transgressing the commandments of God because of what?
7. Do you realize how our hearts are inclined to do similar things as the scribes and Pharisees?
8. Many people assume that all the religious rituals they are engaging in are somehow doing what?
9. What's an example of the answer to #8 above?

10. Many people believe that as long as they make confession to a priest, they don't have to do what?

11. The scribes/Pharisees came up with a man-made practice that did what?

12. What two things should happen in relation to parents?

13. One of the ways you can honor your parents is to do what?

14. What were the scribes and Pharisees doing to get around providing for parents?

15. What verse did the scribes/Pharisees point to, to support their view?

16. We can make things complicated when we desire to do what?

17. Do you ever use the excuses that Pastor Bryan provided as examples?

18. When we use supposed scriptural reasoning to get around something God wants us to do but we don't want to do, we are being what?

19. Does hypocrisy ever describe you?

20. What issue was a significant issue for the 1st century church?

21. Who is supposed to take care of godly widows?

22. If someone refuses to care for his parents he is worse than whom?

23. Who takes care of a widow if she has no believing family members?

24. What two general qualifications are needed for the widow to be supported by the church?

25. From verse 9, what are two specific qualifications for a widow to be supported by the church?

26. The phrase, "been the wife of one man" is describing a woman who was exemplary in what?

27. According to verse 10, the widow had to be a woman who has a reputation of what?

28. What are the various examples Paul gives to determine if a widow should be supported by the church?

29. What would not be a good reputation for a young widow to get (or any Christian for that matter)?

30. What kind of widow should Timothy not put on the support list?

31. Those with a lot of time on their hands end up doing what?

32. The testimony of Christ is connect to what?

33. Was Paul speaking of hypothetical situations in these verses?

34. What's an obvious application of this to all of us?