

Argyle Study Guide 09-21-2025

Scripture: Matthew 15:1-20

1. According to the Oxford Dictionary, "Religion" is to _____ and _____ a superhuman power.
2. According to Steve, _____ you worship and _____ you worship makes a **big difference**.
3. Give one example that supports the above statement.
4. Why did a group of religious leaders travel from Jerusalem to Galilee?
5. They asked Jesus a question. How did he answer them?
6. What does the Hebrew word "Corban" mean? _____
7. Name one thing that defiled (or made a person spiritually unclean) according to Mosaic Law?
8. But Jesus taught, "It's not what goes into your _____ that defiles you; you are defiled by the _____ that come out of your _____."
9. Discuss Jesus' teaching about what defiles a person. What was he really getting at?
10. "God cares about the state of our hearts." Give at least one example from Scripture that supports that statement. _____
11. What was wrong with the Pharisee's religion...and this question isn't about Judaism (see the definition used in question number 1).

Answers: (1) believe in, worship (2) who, how (3) 9/11 or others (4) to confront & discredit Jesus (5) with a question (6) "a gift" (7) eating certain foods, contact with a dead body or certain bodily discharges (8) mouth, words, mouth (9) your own thoughts, words, or actions defile you because they describe the state of your heart (10) One example is God choosing David over Saul [Sam 16] (11) BL: LOTS...they missed God's gift of grace, worship had become like a checklist, they focused on man-made rules and rituals but lacked a heart for what God really cared about.