DAY 01 |

Principle:
Jesus sees the heart of every person and is never fooled by false piety.

Read Matthew 15:1-9, 1 Samuel 16:7, Isaiah 29:13, Ezekiel 33:31, and Amos 5:21-24

1. What is a hypocrite? What do you think was Jesus' aim in exposing the hypocrisy of the Pharisees?

2. What are some examples of how you personally hold others to different standards than the ones you keep for yourself?

DAY 02 |

Principle:
Our words expose the sin in our hearts.

Read Matthew 15:10-20, Jeremiah 17:9, Luke 6:45, Romans 1:24-32, and Ephesians 4:17-19

1. What does it mean to defile your body? How do a person's words defile them?

2. What is often in your heart that defiles you personally?

DAY 03 |

Principle:
: Jesus came to save all those who believe in Him.

Read Matthew 15:21-28, Romans 10:12-13, Acts 10:34-35, and Luke 4:25-27

1. Why did Jesus tell His disciples, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel”, but then healed a Canaanite woman?

2. Who are the people you avoid or make minimal effort to engage with in spiritual conversations?

DAY 04 |

Principle:
Jesus meets people in the place of their deepest need.

Read Matthew 15:29-39, 2 Kings 4:42-44, Lamentations 3:22-23, Psalm 103:8-13, and John 6:35

1. Why did Jesus have compassion on these people?

2. When has your compassion led you to point someone to Jesus instead of simply helping them with material or earthly needs?