

# Something Broke

Isaiah 29:11-19 | Ephesians 5:21-33 | Mark 7:1-13

Worship with \_\_\_\_\_

Is no \_\_\_\_\_

Out of \_\_\_\_\_

Read. Reflect. Respond. Remember.

Part of the gift of Scripture is that we are reminded that there is nothing new under the sun, thank you Ecclesiastes. The notion of something *breaking* so that the order of God's intent for the world is hindered and hampered is not new. It is not new that the people of God often seem to be on the forefront of engaging in that hindering and hampering. And it is not new that it often will come to the people of God welcoming repentance to usher in a new opportunity to live as light to the world, even if God must use those who are not his people to call us back. Read Mark 7.

Reflect:

The conflict with the teachers of the law/Pharisees is followed up by two stories of healing. Who are those people who were healed? What was their ethnicity? What was their religion? Should they have received the benefit of the God of Israel?

What, practically speaking, is holding on to the tradition of humans? What rules were generated for "good order" that no longer serve us, but we serve them?

Respond:

What's your response to the list of that which comes out of a person's heart? Which ones do you zoom in on? Which ones do you ignore?

Remember:

"You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions." Mark 7:8