

(Mark 7:1-9) One day some Pharisees and teachers of religious law arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. 2 They noticed that some of his disciples failed to follow the Jewish ritual of hand washing before eating. 3 (The Jews, especially the Pharisees, do not eat until they have poured water over their cupped hands, as required by their ancient traditions. 4 Similarly, they don't eat anything from the market until they immerse their hands in water. This is but one of many traditions they have clung to—such as their ceremonial washing of cups, pitchers, and kettles.) 5 So the Pharisees and teachers of religious law asked him, "Why don't your disciples follow our age-old tradition? They eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony." 6 Jesus replied, "You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 7 Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.' 8 For you ignore God's law and substitute your own tradition." 9 Then he said, "You skillfully sidestep God's law in order to hold on to your own tradition.

• Sometimes the place you go to for \_\_\_\_\_ is  
the same place you become \_\_\_\_\_.

✓ Life is not about washed \_\_\_\_\_, it's about washed  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Discovering the right tool for the job of life:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ them all
2. Keep what \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ them out
4. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself

## Homework Questions

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What in the message challenged you, encouraged you, or made you think?

Re-read one of the scripture passages shared. Record any new insights or observations below. **Challenge: choose one sentence in the passage to memorize.**

Based on what you learned from this message, what is your next step of obedience?

## Announcements

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...and we're back to Phase Three of the state's reopening plan! **Masks are recommended** at New Anthem where social distancing is impossible. We are limiting our gathering and events to recommended gathering sizes.

Join us for **Summer Sessions**, a chance to connect with New Anthem people during the summer! These low-key fellowship activities will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays during the month of August. Look for our emails and social media posts for more information!