

WEEK # 17  
6/28 – Pastor Ricky  
Mark 7:23-37

**GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTION IN GREEN TEXT AND UNDERLINED**

What constitutes an effective missionary strategy in our day? How did Jesus begin to instruct His followers about successful missions?

Why would Jesus' ministry in Gentile lands have shocked His disciples? How does it presage Peter and Paul's ministries in the book of Acts?

Why was the Syrophoenician woman happy with mere "crumbs"? What can we learn from her attitude?

How can boldness and humility both be demonstrated at the same time in our prayers?

Why do you think Jesus "sighed deeply" before he healed the deaf man? How does that encourage your faith in Him?"

Read verses 24-26. Why did Jesus go to "the vicinity of Tyre"? Was it to get some time for himself? Or to perform a mission? Why is this trip significant, coming after 7:1-23?

Consider verses 24-26. Think of all the ways in which Mark is pointing out what an 'unclean' situation Jesus now involves himself in.

In verses 26-27, what is so unusual and striking a) about the woman's request, and, b) about Jesus' response to her?

In verses 28-30, how does she react? What does this teach us about how to meet Christ by faith?

Read verses 31-37. a) What is unique about the healing here in comparison with the past healings? Why does Jesus do these things? b) Why do you think Mark continues to give accounts of Jesus' healing?

Look back over these two incidents and draw out the practical lessons we learn.

In this weekend's message we heard the story of a woman who faced major obstacles but overcame them by faith. Read through the passage again in both Mark 7:24-30 and Matthew 15:21-28 and then answer the following questions:

In light of the sermon and the two passages above, what are some of the takeaways from this story in regards to our faith?

Can you think of any ways your faith has been tested that has lead to personal growth?

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV): And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?

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