

MARK 7:24-37

OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY?

1. Where does Jesus go and what does he try to do without success?
2. Describe the woman who comes to Jesus and her problem?
3. What does she ask of Jesus and what is his response to her?
4. Why does Jesus heal the girl (v. 29)?
5. Where does Jesus go from Tyre (v. 31)? Look these places up on a map.
6. Who does Jesus encounter and what does he do to that person? Describe the process that Jesus goes through in healing this man.
7. What instructions does Jesus give after the healing?
8. What is the response of the people to the healing?

INTERPRETATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN?

1. Why do you think Jesus went to Tyre?
2. Why does Jesus respond to this woman with such hostility?
3. Why does the woman's response impress Jesus?
4. Jesus heals the deaf man in an unusual way. Is there any significance to the spitting etc.? If so, what is the significance?
5. Compare the response of the people with Isaiah 35:5. What are the people beginning to recognize about Jesus?

APPLICATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN TO ME/US?

1. Do you respond to people with anger/shortness when you are tired? How do you deal with people when you are at the end of your rope and how can you improve? How do you deal with people who are short with you, even when you don't deserve it?
2. How do you bring other people to Jesus when they are unable or unwilling to come (as with the deaf man and the demon possessed daughter)? Who do you know who would benefit from being with Jesus?
3. The people were utterly astonished at Jesus and viewed all that he did all things well. If you were to rate your relationship with Jesus on a satisfaction scale how would you rate it and why?

ACTION PLAN

Spend time personally and with others in coming up with an action plan inspired by your study. What in this passage compels you to desire a change, to move to action, to become more like Jesus? It could be a change in thinking, behavior, character. It could be internal or external. It could be personal or relational. Just don't leave studying the Bible as simply an intellectual exercise.