

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, August 2, 2015

Passage: Mark 7:24-30

Memory Passage: Mark 7:27-28

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 7:24-30.** How does this passage connect with the preceding and following passages?

(b) Locate Tyre & Sidon on a map of Jesus' ministry in the back of your bible or online: http://www.bible-history.com/map_jesus/. What is notable about the location of the region of these 2 cities? How far did He travel to get there?

(c) Why does Jesus try to secretly enter a house and why was He not able to hide (v. 25; cf. 3:8)?

(d) What shift(s) do you see happening in Jesus ministry as Mark moves through chapter 7?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 7:24-30.** What similarities are there between the way this woman approaches Jesus and the others approach Jesus in Mark?

(b) What three facts do we learn about this person (v. 26) and why are they important?

(c) What about the woman and/or her request prepares us for Jesus' atypical response?

(d) What do you learn about this woman considering her brazen approach to Jesus?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 7:24-30.** Is Jesus' answer sarcastic, tongue-in-cheek, uncompassionate, probing, or something else?

(b) To what/whom do the terms "children," "dogs," and "bread" refer in Jesus' parable?

(c) When Jesus refers to Gentiles as "dogs" are we to see this as a pejorative statement? Why or why not?

(d) Does Jesus' answer make you feel uncomfortable? Why or why not?

(e) What one word in v. 27 should give hope to this woman?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 7:24-30.** The woman responds to Jesus using the same parable. Explain her response.

(b) How would you have responded to Jesus? Would you have accepted His designation of you being a "dog" and second in priority to the Jews? Would you have argued with Him? Turned on your heel and walked away? Answered like this woman?

(c) Why was the woman satisfied with "crumbs?" Should she have been satisfied? Explain.

(d) What stands out most about the woman's response to Jesus?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 7:24-30.** How does this woman’s response compare with the responses of the disciples, crowds, and leaders?
- (b) Matthew 15:28 tells us Jesus exclaims, “O woman, great is your faith!” In what ways does she demonstrate faith and what is the connection between her faith and Jesus’ response (v. 29)?
- (c) In what ways does this woman demonstrate humility? In what ways does she demonstrate persistence?
- (d) In what specific ways does her example inspire you to grow in and exercise faith, humility, and persistence?

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The Fullness of Crumbs