



The Good News Expands

Mark 7:24-37

THE GOOD NEWS TO A LOST AND BROKEN WORLD	TO ACTIVELY LOVE A LOST AND BROKEN WORLD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better, Bigger, more Expansive • Can't be Limited • Comes in Variety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expect Awkwardness • Welcome Lost People • Embrace Originality

GETTING STARTED: Have you ever felt like an outsider (at church, school, social club, etc.)? What was it like?

DIGGING DEEPER: Where do the events of these two passages take place? Why does Mark include the detail about the woman's nationality and birth place? How does the woman display both boldness and humility in approaching Jesus? What does she understand about Jesus and His mission? What insight do these verses give about Jesus' mission: Gen 12:3; Rom 1:16; Gal 3:8-9; Rev 5:8-10? How do Jesus' words to the woman strike you: (a) harsh, (b) confusing, (c) arrogant, (d) other? How does Jesus heal the woman's daughter? What does this say about Jesus? What does this say about the faith of the woman? What insight do these verses give you about the importance of faith in following Jesus: Mark 2:5, 4:40, 5:34, 10:52, 11:22? Make a list of the actions Jesus takes to heal the deaf and mute man. How do Jesus' actions strike you: (a) unnecessary, (b) awkward, (c) compassionate, (d) other? Why? How is the reaction of the Gentiles (v. 37) like that of the Jews (1:27, 2:12) and the disciples (4:41)? Why does Mark emphasize this?

LIVING IT OUT: When have you felt uncomfortable among the lost? List ways we could be more welcoming to lost people. Do you tend to be open to new ways of reaching the lost, or critical of new ways? Why do think that is? What can you do this week to reach out to someone who might feel like they are outside God's love? Is there any one who is experiencing barriers to God's grace that you could help them overcome?



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