

# Follow the King

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

## Sermon Questions

Date: *November 13, 2022* | Scripture: *Mark 7:24-37*

1. Read the passages from the sermon together. If you've heard this passage before, what stood out to you this time? Did you see any new details you missed before?
2. Tyre and Sidon were unclean, unsafe, unworthy cities for Jesus to visit. Where are those places in your world? What neighborhoods do you avoid? What countries do you look down on?
3. What do you make of Jesus' response to the Syrophenician woman?
4. What do you make of the woman's response back to Jesus? How does she model faith in a way that contrasts with the Pharisees in Mark 7:1-23?
5. Jesus cared for the deaf and mute man by taking him out of the public eye and communicating to him in a way that he could understand, using motions and signs, touching his ears and tongue and spitting on the ground. How has Jesus communicated to you in a way you understood? Was there a moment for you when the gospel "clicked" in your head?
6. Jesus sighs at the brokenness in the world. The things which weigh on us weigh on him, too. How does it comfort you to know our savior sighs?

*Inward Grace in Action (see back also)*

Jesus' blunt reply to the Syrophenician woman may seem out of character for Jesus. However, consider how this blunt response gives this woman the chance to put her amazing humility and faith on display. She recognizes that she doesn't deserve to sit at the table and yet she believes even a crumb of Jesus' love and power can save her daughter. Her humility and faith contrasts sharply with both the calloused Pharisees and the confused disciples.

Many fall into one of two errors when Jesus offers us a blunt response. Some respond with pride, demanding their rights instead of recognizing their unworthiness and begging for crumbs. Others respond with faithless shame, beating themselves up and thinking they couldn't be healed by a crumb. Jesus both humbles and heals.

### WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Exodus 4:18-23
- 1 Kings 16:29-34
- Isaiah 35:5-6
- Matthew 15:21-28
- Romans 1:16-17
- Revelation 21:22-27

*Serve:* there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

*Pray* for Cornerstone Schools as we support them through our Thanksgiving Offering this year, that they might complete their bathroom renovations and find vans to meet their needs.

*Reach out* if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)

- When have you heard a blunt response from Jesus? Did you respond with pride or shame?
- How might you respond with humility and faith?

**Action:** Take time this week to meditate on the ways Jesus models humility and faith in his earthly ministry. Be on the lookout for opportunities for you to practice humility when you're tempted to be proud and to practice faith when you're tempted to be ashamed.