



Week #24 of The Gospel of Mark

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Coming Together

- What generally is the attitude our society has towards people with disabilities?
- In what ways do people put God in a box?

Growing in Our Understanding

1. Read Mark 7:31-37. What surprises you in this passage?
2. Where does the healing occur? Why is the location significant?
3. When Jesus was in the Decapolis region last, they kicked him out of the area (Mark 5:1-20). Ream Mark 5:18-20: What made the difference in Jesus' welcome this time?
4. What is the process that Jesus uses to heal the man? How does this compare with other healings we have read about in the Gospel of Mark?

5. What does Jesus command the people to do after he heals the deaf man? What could be the reason behind Jesus' command? How do they respond?

Unwrapping and Applying God's Principles

1. Read Isaiah 35:5-6. How does this passage impact our understanding of the healing story in Mark 7:31-37?
2. Jesus performs two miracles in the same area. In one, He says, "Tell no one" (Mk 7:36), and in another, He says, "Go home and tell everyone" (Mk 5:19). What are the implications for our understanding of God in these two sets of instructions?
3. Read Mark 7:32 again. How did the man end up getting to Jesus? What are the implications for us knowing that healing and meeting needs is sometimes "a group effort"?

Deepening Our Hearts for God

- How have you put God in a box in your life?
- How have you seen God meet your needs in the past? What area of your life do you need God to bring some healing or make a difference in today?

Looking Ahead

Read Mark 8:1-21. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out to you. What key questions would you like to ask Jesus after reading this passage?