

## Mark 7:24 - 8:30

<sup>24</sup> And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden.<sup>25</sup> But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup> And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup> And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.<sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

### Mark 8

<sup>1</sup> In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, <sup>2</sup> "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat.<sup>3</sup> And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away." <sup>4</sup> And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" <sup>5</sup> And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." <sup>6</sup> And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and

having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. <sup>7</sup> And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. <sup>8</sup> And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. <sup>9</sup> And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. <sup>10</sup> And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. <sup>12</sup> And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation." <sup>13</sup> And he left them, got into the boat again, and went to the other side. <sup>14</sup> Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup> And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." <sup>16</sup> And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? <sup>18</sup> Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." <sup>20</sup> "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." <sup>21</sup> And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?" <sup>22</sup> And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. <sup>23</sup> And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" <sup>24</sup> And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." <sup>25</sup> Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.<sup>26</sup> And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village." <sup>27</sup> And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets."<sup>29</sup> And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup> And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

## Even the Dogs Eat Crumbs

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Jesus loves us. Jesus cares for us. Jesus desires that we come to him with EVERYTHING. Mark is using the interactions of the Pharisees, disciples, and the crowds to help us understand this.

### JESUS

Pharisees

Disciples

Crowd

## Pre-Life Group Study Questions:

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#### What does it mean?

1. Describe where we've been in Mark thus far. Why does Mark follow a discussion of sin (7:1-23) with stories of healings and miracles?
2. What does Jesus mean by his statement in v. 27? Does the woman understand what he means? What does she mean by her response?
3. To what/whom do the terms "children," "dogs," and "bread" refer to in Jesus' parable?
4. What is unique about the healing of the deaf man in vv. 31-37? Why do you think Mark describes so many of the physical details of this healing?
5. How is the narrative of Jesus feeding the four thousand in 8:1-10 different than Jesus feeding the five thousand in Chapter 6? Is it evident that the disciples learned from the previous miracle? Do you think this miracle had a greater impact on the crowd or the disciples? Why?
6. In vv. 11-13, what does the Pharisees' request for a "sign" tell you about their powers of observation? Their faith?
7. In vv. 14-15, what is the "leaven" of the Pharisees? Why does Jesus tell them to "beware" or "watch out" for it and in what way is he saying it may infect people?
8. In vv. 22-26, what healing procedure did Jesus use to heal the blind man of Bethsaida? Why didn't he fully heal him on the first try?
9. In vv. 28-29, what questions does Jesus ask? How does Peter answer? How does this reflect what the Jews expect the Christ or Messiah to be?
10. How would you summarize Mark's big idea in 7:24-8:30?

#### How does it apply?

1. Do you ever feel like it would be easier to trust God more if you could see something miraculous done or experience healing for yourself?
2. Did the impact of finding salvation in Christ and being forgiven feel miraculous to you? How often do you think about it?
3. What do you find hardest to trust Christ has power over, based on your assessment of what you worry most about?