

Warm up question:

• What sort of problems has Jesus helped you out with this year?

Read Mark 7:24-30

- 1. Tyre was a non-Jewish region. Why do you think Jesus travelled there and wanted his presence to remain a secret?
- 2. Why does this woman approach Jesus and what does she want?
- 3. Why do you think Jesus answers her in the way he does in v.27?
- 4. How does the woman respond to Jesus in v.28? What is she trying to do?
- 5. Why do you think Jesus seems to change his mind about helping the woman?
- 6. What does Jesus do for the woman and her daughter in this passage? What does he do for us?

Read Mark 7:31-37

- 7. The people of the Decapolis were mixed-race Greek speaking migrants. Who is brought to Jesus in this passage and why? How do the people approach Jesus?
- 8. Why does Jesus take this man aside to pray for him?
- 9. How does Jesus heal the man? What strikes you about his methods?
- 10. Is it Jesus' magic words, magic saliva, or something else that heals the man?
- 11. Why does Jesus want to keep this event a secret? What do the people say about him?

Rubber hits the road:

• In this passage we see Jesus healing people and setting them free from illnesses that bound them. How can we be praying and working to help Jesus set people free in our community?

PRAYER

Merciful God, we thank and praise you for your goodness and generosity to us. We are undeserving of your love, but still you pour it out extravagently. Help us to receive your lve and grace, and to desire you above all things. You are so good to us Jesus and we pray that you would help us share your goodness with the world. Amen

