**Jesus Heals A Deaf-Mute Man (Be Opened!)**

Mark 7:31-37

Key Verse: 7:34-35 “He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.”

1. After leaving the vicinity of Tyre, where did Jesus go? What did the people of that neighborhood beg Jesus to do? How might the formerly demon-possessed man’s testimony have influenced their changed attitude toward Jesus? (Mark 5:16-20)

2. What do you think would be most painful about being deaf-mute? In what way can we be spiritually deaf and mute? Can you think of any examples? (Genesis 4:6-9, Exodus 4:10-13)

3. What did Jesus proceed to do with the deaf-mute man? What does “Ephphatha” mean?

4. How can our spiritual ears be opened? How can our tongues be loosened that we may speak plainly?

5. What instructions did Jesus give the people and how did the people respond? What does this event reveal about Jesus? (See Isaiah 35:5,6)