**Jesus Opens Our Spiritual Ears**

Mark 7:24-37

Key Verse 7:34 “He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, ‘Ephphatha!’ (which means ‘Be opened!’).”

1. Where did Jesus go and why? (24) Who came to Jesus and with what problem? (25-26) Why might it be hard for her, as a mother, and as a Greek, to come to Jesus with this problem?

2. How did Jesus initially respond to her request? (27) Why did Jesus answer her in such a way? (cf. Matthew 15:24)

3. What was the woman’s surprising response? (28) How was she able to understand the meaning of Jesus’ words? How did Jesus bless her faith? (29-30)

4. Who was brought to Jesus when he went to the Decapolis? (31-32) Why did Jesus heal the man in such a way? (33-34) What does this event reveal about who Jesus is? (cf. Isaiah 35:5-6)

5. In what way are we similar to the deaf-mute man? How does the Syrophoenician woman illustrate the importance of our spiritual ears being opened?