



Jesus Saves...So Share the Blessing

**Mark 7:24-30 – Feb. 26th, 2017
for Life Group & Personal Bible Study**

This guide, based on Sunday's sermon, provides additional study and reflection for both Life Group discussion and personal enrichment. It is not meant to serve as a full Bible study curriculum, exhaustive commentary, or complete Life Group itinerary, but simply as a conversational resource for further study. Feel free to use these thoughts below as you enjoy your Life Group experience or personal time with the Lord.

1) Background Have you ever felt like an outsider? Like you were on the outside looking in, wishing you were a part of the group? What was that like?

Are there people in your 'neighborhood' that might feel that way now? How might you be a bridge to help them?

2) Read Mark 7:24-30 and Matthew 15:21-28 again and think back over Sunday's sermon.

What points of the sermon or this passage resonated with you?
What questions came to mind? How were you challenged?

3) Understanding the Passage - Do we really believe the good news is for "all people?" Do we live like it? Have you ever thought to yourself – "He/she would never respond to the gospel?" Why do we think that? Consider Acts 9:26-27. What was Paul's experience?

4) Parallels - Read Luke 18:1-8. How does the widow in this passage compare with the Syrophenician woman in the passage from Mark Chapter 7?

Why do you think the Lord implores us to press on? What happens when we give up?

5) Personal Reflection - Can you think of examples where you have 'wrestled' with God over something? What did you learn from that experience?

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Are you wrestling with God over something right now? How is He prompting you, and 'What Are You Waiting For?'

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Answers to Sunday's "fill in the blanks" & other Bible verses

Jesus leaves no one behind

The Saving Love of Jesus Knows No Boundaries

Jesus teaches us to abolish all prejudice.

Galatians 3:28
Ephesians 4:1-6

Jesus teaches us there is power in persistence.

Galatians 6:9
Proverbs 24:17
I Corinthians 15:58
II Thess. 3:13

Jesus teaches us His love is for all people everywhere.

John 12:32
Matthew 28:19
Ephesians 3:1-12

Going Deeper: If you would like to go deeper and take this study to a greater application, feel free to complement this series with the book *The Art of Neighboring* by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon, using the questions in the back of each chapter as well. Each Life Group leader has more information. Last week's was complemented with chapter 3. This week, check out chapter 6.

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