

OHC G2 Week #6 Winter Block 2024 (Mark 7:31-37)

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, convicted or confused you?

MY STORY: Tell of a time in your life when God healed you, either physically or spiritually.

DIGGING DEEPER: **Read or Tell the Story:** Mark 7:31-37

What is significant about the fact that this group **begged** Jesus to lay His hand on the deaf and partially mute man?

Why do you think Jesus took the man away from the crowd before healing him?

Since we know from previous healings that Jesus can heal without physical touch, why do you think Jesus touches the man in this instance?

Why do you think Jesus commands them not to tell anyone?

Read Luke 18:1-8

Since God already knows what we need (Matthew 6:8), why does Jesus teach us to always pray and not give up?

What promise does God give to the ones who "cry out day and night" for justice?

What did you learn from this parable and how will you apply it to your prayer life?

Read Jeremiah 32:26-27 Why do we sometimes doubt the truth of Scripture?

Read John 20:27 Why is doubt the enemy of faith?

MEMORIZE ONE: "I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You."
Nehemiah 6:9, Psalm 77:14, Matthew 17:20, Matthew 19:26

TAKING IT HOME: Do you have any additional thoughts or take-aways?

Mark 7:31-37

31 Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. 32 There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. 33 After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. 34 He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!"). 35 At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. 36 Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. 37 People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' 4 "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'" 6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Matthew 6:8

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Jeremiah 32:26-27

Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: 27 "I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"

John 20:27

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Nehemiah 6:9

They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed."

Psalms 77:14

You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.

Matthew 17:20

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 19:26

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."