

Coming Into Focus: Audacity

Small Group Discussion Guide—2/17/2019

Think of a time when you had to make a big request from someone. What were you asking for? How did you feel leading up to the ask? What was the outcome?

Read Mark 7:24-30

- We see in this passage a Jesus who is tired, spent, and needing some rest. How would you feel in his shoes – after days on end of caring for, healing, and teaching without stopping to rest? Does seeing Jesus in this light make him more or less relatable for you?
- Would it have been easier for Jesus to just give the lady what she wanted and send her on her way? Why does he give such a startling reply in verse 27?
- If you were the woman, how would you be feeling at his reply? What do you think you would have done or said in her shoes?
- Yet the woman doesn't give up after Jesus's initial reply. What does God want us to see about persistence in faith?

Application

- What did the woman offer to Jesus in exchange for Him healing her daughter? What does God expect from us when we ask for things?
- When we have nothing to offer but faith alone, God says that is enough – and His strength and power will be sufficient. Think about some of the areas you need God to intervene in in your life today. Do you have the strength, resources, etc to solve these problems on your own? How does this week's passage encourage you in these areas?
- Can you think of a time in the past when God accomplished something in your life, when His strength was highlighted, even though you felt inadequate?
- **Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-11**
 - If we had no weaknesses, how would God get the glory for our accomplishments?
 - What is God asking you to do that you cannot do on your own? Do you have an opportunity to allow God's strength to be enough for you in your life?

Pray as a group and for one another. May you each see God's strength and power in your life this week, even through your inadequacies.