

Mark 7:14-37 Reflection & Group Questions

Personal Reflection and Application:

Reread the passage above and answer the following questions:

1. Read question 3 below and be ready to respond to your group.
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Group Discussion Guide (*Prayer Guide on back*):

1. What has been a **humorous** part of these weeks of slowly coming back together after isolation?
2. Name one prayer request you have prayed for our nation over these past few weeks?
3. *****This week's passage was Mark 7:14-37. The passage contains Jesus (1) a HARD truth - that our hearts are the source of all these evils which dirties us and makes us not suitable for worship of a holy God. Yet we seen in the gentile woman (2) an example of HOW to receive hard truths about ourselves—with humility and persistent faith. And finally, in the healing of the man who was deaf and mute we see that (3) Jesus, the Son of Gos who has come, is the only one who can HEAL our "hearing" so we can respond out of a right understanding.**

Look over the following **statement starters**. Pick one and use it as a way to share with the group something of your response to this passage:

- I was so encouraged by.....
 - I never knew that
 - I was glad to be reminded of....
 - I still do understand.....
 - I was convicted by verse....
 - I am determined to try to apply.....
4. **Digging Deeper:** These other passages were mentioned this Sunday (some references include a bit more context). What connections to they have to help is live transformed lives? Colossians 1:9-23; 1 Peter 1:13; James 1:19-27; Ezekiel 36:25-27; *Isaiah 35:4-6.

Prayer Guide:

Think back to what we have discussed. We mentioned things for which we are thankful. We mentioned some challenges we are facing. We shared things God wants to apply to our lives.

Let's pray "popcorn style" (not necessarily in order of seating) as often as you want.

*Let us take **one thing** that was mentioned. Let us **pray one-sentence prayers of praise** to God, or confession of need or sin, or thankfulness for what he has provided, or a request for God's help in something mentioned.*

Other Items:

- A. Pray for one another's courage to share Christ.
- B. The **Scholtz family** as they move to serve Christ in Guam.
- C. Pray for the encouragement and care of our **missionaries** *and the people* they serve: **Megan** Baehr (Wycliff Bible Translator in Siberia; The **Planter** of "Way of Truth Church" (in Lincoln) and his family; Porter and Lexie **Hampton** and their children in Papua New Guinea; **Margaret** White in Eastern Sahara; The **Ashcraft's** transitioning from with New Tribes.
- D. Pray for wisdom, courage, and gentleness of our pastor/elders to lead well.
- E. Pray for the growth in Christlike maturity of our CBC family, especially our men.
- F. Pray for our building needs, to responsibly serve those God brings our way.