

Brokenness & Grace

Mark 7:24-30 / 12-29-19 / Jason Custer

GETTING STARTED

Do you make New Year's resolutions? Why or why not? Do you think they help change people?

OVERVIEW

What do we do with our brokenness? The truth of the gospel is that we are more broken than we ever could have imagined, but God's grace is more abundant than we ever could expect. The place where brokenness and grace meet is in the person of Jesus.

DIG DEEPER

1. What impacted you most from the sermon this week?
2. **Read Mark 7:24-30** and compare with **Matthew 15:21-28**:
 - What is similar in the two accounts and what is different?
 - How do you think you'd feel if Jesus responded to you as He did in these texts?
 - How does the Syrophenician woman view herself?
 - How does the Syrophenician woman view Jesus in contrast to herself?
3. Right before the story of Jesus and the woman, Jesus talks with the disciples about what defiles a person. Read **Mark 7:14-23** (and/or **Matthew 15:10-20**):
 - What does this passage tell you about your brokenness?
 - Why is this passage right before the story about the Syrophenician woman?

APPLY

4. Do you tend to focus more on your brokenness or God's grace? *Why?*
5. Do you think you see your brokenness fully and respond to it appropriately?
 - How do you tend to respond when you sin or mess up?
 - Read **1 John 1:8-10**: What should our sin/brokenness cause us to do?
6. Read **1 Timothy 1:12-17**: How does Paul view himself?
 - How does Paul's view of himself affect his view of God and God's grace?
7. In what ways have you tried to deal with your brokenness yourself? *Has it worked?*
8. How does Jesus change the way we view and deal with our brokenness?
9. In light of this sermon/study, how can you practically grow more this new year?