JESUS IS THE MESSIAH OF THE GENTILES

Mark 7:24-37

Key Verse: 7:29

1. Where did Jesus go (24a)? Why did he want to keep his presence a secret (24b)? Who came to Jesus and why (25-26)? What does this show about her?

2. What did Jesus say and what does it mean (27)? Why did Jesus say such a harsh thing to her? What does her surprising response show about her attitude toward Jesus (28)? How did Jesus bless her reply (29-30)? What can we learn here about Jesus who answered her plea?

3. Where did Jesus go next and who was brought to him (31-32)? Consider his deaf-mute condition. What unusual things did Jesus do to heal this man (33-34)? What does “Ephphatha!” mean to us? What happened (35)?

4. What instructions did Jesus give the people (36)? How did the people react (37)? What does this event reveal about who Jesus is? (See Isa 35:5,6)

5. Compare these two events of whom was healed and why and how? How do these events reveal Jesus as the Messiah of the Gentiles?