## A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study Date: June 10, 2018 Mark 7:24-30

1. Where did Jesus go after he left, according to 7:24?\_\_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus do in Tyre, according to 7:24-25?

- a. Went about publicly, teaching and preaching.
- b. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know that he was there.
- 2. Why do you think that he didn't want anyone to know that he was there?
  - a. He probably didn't want to preach and teach or do any kind of ministry...
  - b. Well, apparently, he wasn't there to heal the locals (see 7:27).
  - c. Well...how far does he have to go to get some rest (see 6:31-34...and perhaps even the switcheroo he pulled in 6:45-48).
  - d. Matthew 15:21 says the he "withdrew" to the region of Tyre and Sidon. This seems to affirm his desire to get away and rest.
- 3. What happened as soon as people heard about him, according to 7:25?
  - a. Well, apparently, he hadn't gone far enough!
  - b. As soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet.
- 4. Who, according to 7:26, was this woman?
  - a. She sounds about the same as everybody else who had flocked to him everywhere he went.
  - b. This woman was Greek, not Jewish.
  - c. She had been born in Syrian Phoenicia, which was the region he was in.
- 5. How did Jesus respond to her request for help, according to 7:26-27?
  - a. He healed her daughter immediately, like so many he had come in contact with previously.
  - b. He seems kind of cranky because she tracked him down during his time away.
  - c. He called her a dog and said he wouldn't give her what was intended for the children.
- 6. Why did Jesus respond in this way?
  - a. I don't know, that doesn't sound Christ-like...
  - b. He says in Matt 15:24 that he was sent 'only to the lost sheep of Israel.'
  - c. Well, we know that Jesus ultimately initiated the mission to the Gentiles (Acts 9:a5), but he had to straighten out the messengers...Perhaps this illustrates the balance between the need to reach the lost and the call to correct and equip the church for the mission to the lost.
- 7. Was Jesus wrong?
  - a. No, Jesus can't be wrong, he was perfect!
  - b. The scripture tells us that Jesus learned (Hebrews 5:8). How can you learn without having at least an incomplete understanding?
- 8. How did the woman reply, according to 7:28?
  - a. My grandma would have called that "sassing her" or "talking back."
  - b. She didn't take no for an answer and used Jesus' own illustration to appeal to him.
- 9. How did Jesus respond to her words?
  - a. He smacked her mouth.
  - b. He recognized her faith in the midst of it and healed her daughter.
- 10. Does Jesus see your faith when you ask for his help?

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