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## Mark 7:31-37

### Learning Sigh Language

- What's the Point?
  - Is this a just about a man with two INFIRMITIES?
  - Is it about Jesus going to the GENTILES?
  - Is it about ALL people who need miracles?
  - Is it a story about YOUR hearing and speech?
- Hearing/Speech Test
  - Sometimes we are SPIRITUALLY hearing impaired.
  - Is our SPEECH spiritually impaired.
- This Unique Healing
  - His friends BEG Jesus to touch him.
  - Jesus SEPARATES him from others.
  - Jesus communicates in his 'LANGUAGE'.
- Sigh Language Lesson 1
  - Not just compassion, it's EMPATHY
  - Not just for one man, for ALL mankind
  - Not because of impairment, because of SIN

## Life Group Questions

- 1) Many times when we read we simply speed through the geography of the passage. This passage goes into details which are very important. Discuss Jesus' journey into the area of the Decapolis. What is the significance of this area that some say Jesus spent 8 months visiting?
- 2) Many times when Jesus heals He says, "Your faith has made you whole." How does His unique approach to this miracle demonstrate the words He used in the past to increase this man's faith?
- 3) What lessons are we to learn from this unique way Jesus heals this man?
  - a) Jesus "looked up to heaven"
  - b) Jesus sighed deeply (with empathy)
  - c) Jesus physically touched this man

## On Your Own

- 4) These Gentiles, who many believed had no place in the kingdom of heaven in Jesus' day, exclaimed "He has done all things well."

William Barclay said, "When Jesus came, bringing healing to broken bodies and salvation to human souls, he had begun the work of creation all over again. In the beginning, everything

had been good; human sin had spoiled it all; and now Jesus was bringing back the beauty of God to the world which human sin had rendered ugly.”

This week ask God to open your ears to what He has for you and to speak with courage His word to those around you. Look to Him for wisdom, compassion for the least of the least and reach out to meet their need.

**“Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law” Romans 13:8, ESV**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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