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Mark 7:31-37 Jesus Offers Healing

Club Talk Help Sheet

TALK TIPS

It can be hard to transition in a club talk from the introduction to the Scripture and body of the message. Transitions are not natural for most people. "That story reminds me of Jesus," is not a transition.

Two things that can help:

1. Write down transition sentences in your club talk, so you are trying to improve your tie-in.
2. Practice your club talk in the mirror or in front of friends so that you catch where you need transitional statements.

Mark 7:31-37 (New International Version)

7:31-37 - ³¹Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³²There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man. ³³After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). ³⁵At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Main point / Last sentence idea

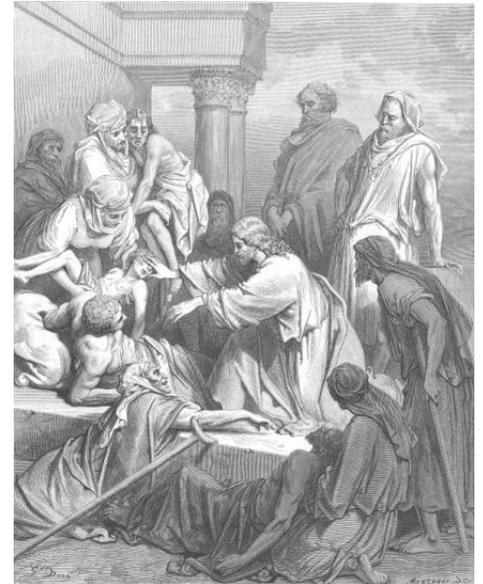
- Jesus meets us in our confusion and offers to heal our hearts; are you willing to believe?

Introduction ideas

- Describe a time when you were disoriented or confused and needed someone to give you direction or help.
- Describe a time when your friends took you to get help.
- Describe a time when someone took you out of the crowd to have a private, and important, conversation with you.

Things you might use or say when talking about the Bible passage:

- There was a man who was deaf, he couldn't hear. His friends really loved him and they were always thinking of ways they could help him. There are times we have friends are trying their best to look out for us or help us—those are good friends.
- Now whoever heard of a deaf man being healed? A lot of people were just like we are in this room; very skeptical. But they decided to give it a try; what did they have to lose?



- I can just imagine the deaf man, Jesus taking him aside away from the crowd so now it's just Jesus and the deaf man.
- Sometimes Jesus needs to take us away from all the crowds. You know, when things are going crazy all around you, sometimes it's just good to be alone with a good friend and have a deep conversation.
- He healed the man and the man began to talk clearly. I wonder what he said first? What is the first thing he heard?

Application/Challenge Ideas:

- Maybe tonight, Jesus is asking you to quit being closed in your thinking or in your heart and to be open to Him.
- If Jesus healed this deaf man, do you think He could heal you?
- Maybe tonight before you go to bed, you can have a conversation with Jesus about your confusion.