

Persistent Faith

Discussion Questions for Mark 7:24-29

Open It

When was a time when you felt like an outsider?
Why do you think some Christians lose or give up their faith in God?

Explore It

What did Jesus try to keep secret? How? (7:24)
Why did a certain woman want to see Jesus? (7:25)
What did the woman do when she saw Jesus? Why? (7:25)
Who came to see Jesus? Why? (7:25–26)
What was this woman's background? (7:26)
What did the woman in the story want from Jesus? (7:26)
How did Jesus respond to this woman? (7:27)
To whom was Jesus referring when He spoke of children? (7:27)
What did this woman call Jesus? (7:28)
How did the woman appeal Jesus' decision not to help her? (7:28)
What made the woman so persistent? (7:28)
Why was Jesus impressed with the woman? (7:28–29)
What happened to the woman and her daughter? (7:30)

Get It

What was exemplary about the woman who came to see Jesus?
Why do you think Mark included this episode in his Gospel?
Why would you or wouldn't you have gone to see Jesus if you had been in the same situation as this woman?
What have you "begged" Jesus to do for you in the past? How did He answer?
How would you compare your level of faith with that of the woman in this story?
In what ways has Jesus rewarded you for your faith?
What difference does it make in your life that Jesus has the power and authority over all the evil forces of the world?
What about the woman's attitude can we apply to our prayer life?
No two of Jesus' healings were exactly alike; how should our witness for Christ be tailored to each situation and person?

How can you be personal and sensitive in the way you meet the needs of those around you?

Apply It

What is one area of your life that you will commit to the Lord in faith today?
What concrete step can you take to show your faith in the Lord and your dependence on His power?