

Monday: Mark 7:24-37

- 1. Tyre and Sidon are part of Gentile territory, located in the modern nation of Lebanon. What do you think Jesus traveling to this region symbolizes?
- 2. My study Bible notes explain "children" as the people of Israel, the "bread" is Jesus' message, and the "dogs" are the Gentiles. How does this help explain Jesus statement to the Syrophoenician woman, and her response? (See also Acts 1:8, Rom. 1:16-17)
- 3. The OT prophet Isaiah wrote what the days of salvation in Israel would look like. What do Jesus' miracles reveal about him? (See Isa. 29:18-19; 35:5-6; Matt. 11:4-6)
- 4. Missionary of the week: Pray for Barry Maique as he shares Christ in public schools in the Philippines, starts Bible clubs on campus, and develops youth ministries in churches.

Tuesday: Mark 8:1-10

- 1. It is believed Jesus performed this miracle in the Decapolis region, a Gentile region next to the Sea of Galilee. What do you think Jesus performing this miracle in this region signifies?
- 2. What are the similarities and differences between the feeding of the 5,000 and the feeding of the 4,000? (See Mark 6:34-44)
- 3. What are some points of application here which you can make to your life?
- 4. Pray for the people in your Oikos or "5 for 5".

Wednesday: Mark 8:11-21

- 1. In other gospel accounts Jesus says no sign will be given except the sign of Jonah, an allusion to his death and resurrection. (See Matt. 12:38-40; 16:1-4) What did the Pharisees refuse to do?
- 2. What did the disciples struggle with? (See also John 14:8-11)
- 3. Many people have misperceptions about Jesus. From what you read here, what do you need to get right about Jesus?
- 4. Pray for people where they work and live that they would honor God in all they do.

Thursday: Mark 8:22-26

- 1. This particular healing of the blind man at Bethsaida is found only in Mark's gospel. How did this man and his friends think he could be healed? (See also Mk. 3:10; 5:27-28; 6:56)
- 2. Jesus was obviously not deficient in his power, but chose a two-step process for curing the man's blindness. The reason for doing so is most likely to teach his disciples a lesson. What do you think he is teaching them?
- 3. Jesus healed publicly and privately. Why do you think he chose to heal in private settings?
- 4. Pray for government leaders both locally and globally.

Friday: Mark 8:27-9:1

- 1. Jesus question, "Who do people say that I am?" is still the critical question put forward to all of us. How did Peter answer? (See also Matt. 16:16)
- 2. The Hebrew word "Messiah" is translated in the Greek as "Christ". What is Peter's misunderstanding about the Messiah?
- 3. What does it mean to follow Jesus?
- 4. Pray for family and friends.

Saturday and Sunday

Review what you read in Mark this week. Pray for those serving Christ faithfully and pray for the services on Sunday. Pray the prayer of Philippians 1:9-11.