

Do or Done? Part 2.

Scripture: Mark 7:24-37

Also: Mark 10:45; Acts 10:28; Romans 1:16-17; Matthew 20:1-16; Romans 9:14-16

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. This message continued the primary thrust from last week that our salvation isn't produced by what we DO but by what Jesus has already DONE.
3. In what areas of your life are you tempted to feel like you deserve (because of who you are or what you've done) a relationship with God?
 - What are the dangers in someone having that attitude?
 - How have you seen that play out?
4. Read Mark 7:24-30. This little girl's mother persisted in talking to Jesus about the daughter (prayer), yet she would have been satisfied with "crumbs."
 - How can you pray with both boldness and humility?
 - Have there been areas of your life where you felt like God's provision for you was too small?
5. Read Mark 7:31-37
6. Jesus "opened" this man's ears so he could hear, and "released" his tongue so he could speak. Where do you need your life to be opened or released? In other words, where do you need Jesus' healing? (This could be physical or some other area.)
7. The story of this woman and crumbs from the table shows two other principles:
 - There is enough of God's grace for everyone.
 - The smallest morsel of God's grace is enough to save me entirely.
8. Are there individuals or groups of people that you think it will be harder for them to receive God's grace? Why or why not?
 - Does the way you live your daily life reflect this? (Think of your reaction to news stories or shows you watch, to jokes you tell or laugh at, places you drive by, etc.)
9. Jesus demonstrated again and again His care for those outside the commonly accepted or respectable groups.
 - What people are outside of those accepted groups for you?
 - How can you still show them love?
 - Is there something you can do this week to demonstrate love for them?

• ***Pray together about the generosity of God's grace to all!***