

Good News for Gentiles
The Syrophenician Woman
Mark 7:24-30

Question: How Do We Approach God?

I. The Setting (24-26)

~ A Desperate Gentile Mother

II. The Provocative Statement of Jesus (27)

~ A Statement Meant to Provoke Faith

III. The Response (28-30)

~ A Faith That Asks for That Which She Does Not Deserve

Point to Ponder: Think of someone you know that has at least heard the gospel message and, to the best of your knowledge, rejected it. Would their rejection fall into either of these categories: 1) being too proud to accept what the gospel says about our unworthiness; or 2) being too despondent to accept what the gospel says about how loved we are in Christ? To the extent you know something of their heart, then pray that God might show them how flawed their perspective is.

A Note to Parents: Please know that the children and youth who leave the service during the sermon are looking at the same passage we will consider each week. We hope that you will initiate a conversation with them about this portion of God's Word.

Next Week: Next Sunday we will continue our mini-series out of the Gospel of Mark entitled *Good News for Gentiles* by looking at **Mark 7:31-37** *The Deaf and Mute Man*.

