

**Kingdom Rising – Season 2**  
***“Foreign Faith”***

**GETTING STARTED**

ICE BREAKER: What do you usually do when you miss a turn or get off course—keep going, turn around, or blame the GPS? How might this relate to how we respond to detours or delays in life??

KEY THOUGHT: ***In God’s Kingdom, healing starts with a heart of faith***

**GETTING THE POINT**

Read Mark 7:24-37

1. Why do you think Jesus initially responded to the woman the way He did? What stands out to you about His words and tone?
2. What does this passage reveal about the woman’s character—her persistence, humility, and faith?
3. How does Jesus affirm in this episode the same point about cleanness and uncleanness that He made in 7:1-23?
4. In verses 31–37, Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech impediment. Why do you think Jesus took him aside privately and used such physical actions?
5. What does this healing story reveal about Jesus' compassion and power?

**GETTING DEEPER**

Read Matthew 15:21-31

1. Compare how the woman is portrayed in both accounts. What additional details does Matthew include, and how do they shape your understanding of the story?
2. In Matthew’s version, Jesus says, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” How does this inform our understanding of Jesus’ mission and how it expanded?

**GETTING PERSONAL (Read Isaiah 3:3-6)**

1. Isaiah 35 describes a time of restoration and healing. How does Mark 7:31–37 reflect the fulfillment of this prophecy?
2. How does this vision from Isaiah give you hope in your current life situation or for someone you’re praying for?

**PRAY...**

*That the Holy Spirit will help us all to evaluate our “hearts of faith” as we seek to follow Him, and that we would look to Him for healing and the future hope that only He provides.*