

## Small Group Study Questions

1. Have you ever traveled someplace where you definitely felt like an outsider? What was it like?
2. Read today's passage (**Mark 7:24-30**), review the sermon points, and share anything from the sermon that you found especially interesting, challenging or useful.
3. When the woman showed up in **vv.24-26**, it's possible that the only one not uncomfortable with her presence was Jesus. What steps can we take (or what truths could we remember) as believers today to avoid treating some unbelievers as less worthy of grace than others?
4. When you came to the point of trusting Christ as Savior, was there a sense of **desperation**, or a kind of "breaking point" you arrived at that finally convinced you to surrender your life to Him? If there wasn't a point like that which led you to salvation, have there been times in your Christian life when you reached a "desperation point" that drove you to deeper dependence upon Him?
5. What do you think of Jesus' treatment of the woman in **v.27** (see also **Matthew 15:23-24**)? Is there anything valuable we can learn from their conversation in terms of sharing the gospel with others?
6. The woman's **persistence** with Jesus certainly has lessons for us when it comes to prayer. What prayer requests have you abandoned that you could bring back before Him again?