

Small Group Study Questions

1. Is there a movie that no matter how often you see it, gets you emotional every time?
2. Read today's passage (**Mark 7:31-37**), review the sermon points, and share anything from the sermon that you found especially interesting, challenging or useful.
3. In **v.32** it says that **"they"** (others) brought the deaf man to Jesus for healing. What do you think the deaf man himself expected would happen? Do you ever find yourself bringing requests or needs to Jesus that you don't really expect Him to do anything about? Explain.
4. Jesus administered healing to the deaf man in a very deliberate way (**vv.33-34**): He took Him aside, touched his ears and tongue, and even breathed a deep sigh. Which of those acts of identification with him speak loudest to you — and why? Do you believe that He also cares that much about you?
5. Why do you think Jesus **"sighed"** (**v.34**)? Over what in our world or lives do you think He sighs today?
6. Do you have some **"indispensable friends"** in life who'll drag you to Jesus when that's what you need most? If so, how do they do it — by praying for you, confronting you, writing you a message of encouragement or challenge? To whom has God called you to be that kind of friend — at the very least by "bringing them to Jesus" in regular prayer?