



Small Group Questions

How Will They Hear? Mark 7:31-37

REMINDER: The purpose of our small groups at Cypress is to learn to love one another. We seek to do this as we: 1. Study the Bible together; 2. Discuss how to put it into practice; 3. Pray together; and 4. Live life together. Please use these questions only as they help you achieve this purpose. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Link:** Read Mark 7:31-37. What stood out to you during the sermon on Sunday?

2. **Observation – What do you see?**

Jesus' words are powerful. What evidence do you see of this in Mark 7:31-37?

Jesus charged the people multiple times to "tell no one." How did they respond in v.36?

3. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**

Jesus spoke (*Be opened*, v.34) and the deaf man could hear. What does this teach us about Jesus? What does it teach you about *who* He is?

Read Mark 9:1-8. What did the voice from the cloud command us to do in Mark 9:7?

If we know we should listen to Jesus, why don't we? What forces are at work in us and in the world that seek to stop us from hearing Jesus' words and obeying them?

4. **Application – How does this apply?**

The Holy Spirit is the one who opens our ears to Jesus' voice and empowers us to do what He says. How should this truth inform the way you should pray each day?

Read 2 Peter 3:9. As you meditate on this verse and consider that approximately 95% of people in Monterey County aren't following Jesus, what do you hear the Holy Spirit calling you to do?

5. **Prayer ...**