

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND
SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Sharing Christ through friendship

James 2 : 1-17 Mark 7: 24-37

Take the Crumbs

Welcome/icebreaker	For what would you walk 100 miles out of your way for?
Worship	Choose hymns or songs that focus on Jesus and praise him
Word (verses):	
V24	What is Jesus' point in going to Tyre; a Gentile area?
V26	Why does Mark give us this extra information about the woman?
	What is odd and unconventional about the woman's request?
V 29 -30	In your group, discuss the significance of Jesus' casting out an unclean spirit 'from a distance'. Have you ever come across anything like this?
Jesus' reply in verse 27 likens the Israelites to 'children' and the Gentiles to 'dogs'	
V28	How does the woman respond to Jesus' harsh-sounding response to her request? What insight does she show in her response?
V28	How does verse 28 demonstrate the woman's faith in Jesus?
V32	Who does Jesus meet in the Decapolis? What is exemplary about these people?
V33	Does anything about what Jesus does strike you as strange in this verse ?
	When a slave was adopted as a son in Old Testament times, his ears would be pierced. Bearing this in mind, what might Jesus' symbolic actions represent in verse 33?
V36	How does the crowd respond to the healing?
Wind/prayer	Ask Jesus to show you who, where or how you might have contact with people that are a long way from His saving Grace and for the boldness and tenacity to keep making the invite.
Works/witness	Jesus brought his gospel of healing to people of other nations and to the handicapped and oppressed. As his followers, how are we involved in doing the same?