

Mark 4-8 Review Study

Discuss (in pairs)

If you were to die tonight, and God were to ask you "why should I let you into heaven?", what would you say?

What would you say is the difference between a Pharisee and a disciple?

Previously, in Mark's gospel...

4:35-5:43 Jesus can RESCUE from hopeless situations (so believe!)

6:1-30 PROBLEM: Unbelief/unrepentance! – a MORAL issue...

6:30-56 Jesus is the RESCUING God of Exodus

7:1-23 PROBLEM: Ignoring God – a HEART issue...

7:24-8:30

7:24-8:10 Jesus even came to RESCUE Gentiles!

Discuss

What is surprising in:

- o 7:24-30?
- o 7:31-37? (use the text from Isaiah 35 below to help)
- o 8:1-10?

Say to those who have an anxious heart,

"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then shall the lame man leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

(Isaiah 35:4-6)

7:24-30

7:31-37

8:1-10

7:27 = "Let the children be satisfied first".

6:42 - "They all ate and were satisfied".

8:8 - "They ate and were satisfied".

8:11-21 PROBLEM: The disciples are looking just like the Pharisees! – a HEART issue...

8:22-30 SOLUTION: Jesus rescues us from our heart issue by opening our eyes.

Discuss

1. How does the Syrophenician woman's attitude challenge our attitude towards salvation?
2. How has this section challenged your perception of:
 - Yourself?
 - Jesus and his rescue?
3. How does this section encourage you with CU mission week in mind?