*14* STUDY OF MARK 2020

Jesus Blesses A Humble Woman

Mark 7:24-30

‘Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.’ (29)

1. Where did Jesus and his disciples go? (24) Why might Jesus have retreated to this place? But who came to Jesus anyway? (25) What was her attitude toward Jesus?
2. Why might it be hard for her, as a mother, and as a Greek, to come to Jesus with her problem? (26) Yet, what compelled her to come?
3. How did Jesus first answer her? (27) Who are the "children" and who are "their dogs"? What does Jesus' statement tell us about his ministry and about God's way of working? Why did Jesus say such a harsh thing to this poor woman?
4. What was the woman’s surprising response? (28) What were the “crumbs” she was asking Jesus for? What did she have to overcome in order to reply to Jesus in this way? What can we learn here about real humility? About prayer?
5. How did Jesus respond? What can we learn here about the kind of faith that God blesses?