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Seeing & Hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Small Group Questions — The Week of March 7, 2021

Sermon Overview: Before Mark tells the story of another miraculous feeding, this time four thousand, he bookends the story with the healing of a deaf and mute man, followed by the healing of a blind man. As powerful as these miracles are, he is after more than just physical hearing and physical sight. In the current of these miracles is a deep lesson to Jesus' disciples, revealing their hearts' condition. What they needed to hear and see, we need to hear and see. This Sunday, we will come as beggars, asking Jesus to open our ears. What a gift we receive when the Holy Spirit opens us up to the power of the living Word.

Scripture Reading: Mark 7:31-37

1. What stands out to you about this miracle?
2. Why do you think Jesus took the deaf man aside, privately?
3. What does this miracle teach us about Jesus and us as His followers?
4. How does Mark use this miracle to teach Jesus' disciples about their own deafness?
5. When did the Holy Spirit first open your ears? How does He continue this work?
6. How does this miracle reveal our dependence on the work of the Holy Spirit?