

## QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever felt that God was ignoring your prayers? When this happens, what has been your response?
2. In Mark 7:24-29, who is seeking help from Christ? How is this person different from the vast majority of those who came to Christ for healing?
3. What is this person seeking from Christ? The Bible is very clear about the reality of the demonic. As a Christian, how should we respond to the demonic? Read Revelation 12:3,4 for the origin of demons. Read 1 John 4:4 for reassurance in dealing with demonic influence. Read James 4:4,7 and 1 Peter 5:8,9 for instruction in standing firm against the demonic.
4. Our Lord does not answer this woman immediately. How does this response differ from most other responses to requests for healing? If you had heard Jesus' words to this woman in verse 27, how would they at first strike you?
5. How does the woman respond to Christ? What does Christ's response call for in the woman's heart? Read Matthew 15:28. What does Christ say about this woman? How does God use similar deep desires in our life to change us? Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. What is causing Paul's prayers? What is Christ's answer to Paul? How does this give us a new perspective of our needs, trials and weaknesses?
6. The result is that the woman's child is healed. Considering who this woman is, how does this miracle especially point to God's grace? The affect of this was that Christ's name was lifted up among even the Gentiles for generations. What are some of the ways we can more effectively testify of God's grace in our life with our family, neighbors and friends?

## *EL-SHADDAI: MIGHTY TO SAVE "Never Indifferent" (Mark 7:24-30)*

*I. Why Doesn't He Help?*

*II. Prolonged Response*

*III. Pressing Need*

*IV. Persevering Faith*

*V. Prevailing Purpose*