



Life Group Story Guide (Week 4)

Theme: “Loving Our Neighbor”, **Story Guide 4: Mark 7:24-30** (The Syrophenician Woman)

Open in Prayer, Welcome & Introductions

Review of Life Group Guidelines

Hook Question: What was your first pet and did you have a close relationship to it?

Background of the story: This week we are looking at a story found in Mark chapter 7. Prior to this story, JESUS has been speaking with the Pharisees about Jewish traditions and rituals and contrasts the outward traditions with the inner condition of the heart. JESUS is constantly challenging Jewish beliefs while trying to teach what matters is the condition of the heart. Following this interaction is our story of a non-Jewish woman with a faithful heart.

Tell the Story: This week’s Bible passage is found in **Mark 7:24-30**

Rebuild the Story

Read the Story out loud (look for additions or omissions)

Questions:

- Why do you think JESUS initially responded to the woman the way He did, and what does this reveal about His mission and the unfolding of GOD’S plan?
- How does this woman’s boldness and persistence challenge the way you approach JESUS with your own needs?
- Have you ever questioned if GOD’S blessings were meant for you? If so, why?
- What does the story of the Syrophenician woman reveal to you about GOD’S openness to those considered outsiders? How does this shape your perspective toward others—and how might it influence your actions going forward?

Review & Retell the Story

Assign Next Week's Story: 2nd Kings 5:1-15

Close in Prayer