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Mark 7:24-37

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- What is Jesus modeling for his disciples in these two encounters? What is Jesus revealing about himself and his kingdom? How does our church need to hear and actively respond to this as well?
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