

God's Plan Mark 7:24-30

To the Jew first - God's plan was to His chosen people first. Mark 7:24-27

Mark 7:27a – *"Let the children be satisfied first..."*

- Deuteronomy 14:2 - "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth"
- Romans 1:16 - "to the Jew first and also the the Greek"
- Acts 13:46 - "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first"
- Matthew 10:5-6 - "Do not go in the way of the gentiles...but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel"
- Matthew 15:24 - "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel"
- Romans 2:9-10 - "to the Jew first and also to the Greek"

And also to the Greek - God's plan was for salvation to come from the Jews and extend to everyone. Mark 7:28

Mark 7:28 – *"Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs."*

- Romans 1:16 - "to the Jew first and also to the Greek"
- John 4:22 - "for salvation is from the Jews"
- Isaiah 42:6 - "as a light to the nations"
- Luke 10:1 - "the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of him to every city"
- Psalm 84:10 - "I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God"

2 Words for "Dog" in Biblical Greek:

κύων (kuōn) - dog, corrupter, miscreant, scavenging beasts

Matthew 7:6; Philippians 3:2; Revelation 22:15

κυνάριον (kunarion) - little dog, puppy, domesticated dog

Only used here in Mark 7 and Matthew 15:26-27 (same story)

God responds to faith and humility Mark 7:29-30

Mark 7:29 – *"Because of this answer go; the demon has gone out of your daughter."*



LifeGroup Discussion:

1. Why do you think Jesus had this plan to first go to one people group and then reach the world through that group?
2. How hard is it for you to respond with the faith and humility of the woman in this story? How is that counter-cultural in our society today? How can we respond properly to Jesus even when we don't like His plans?
3. What do you think about gentiles being called dogs? Are you offended? Are you humbled? What do we do with our negative emotions toward God when we don't understand or like what happens in our life?

Next Steps:

JOIN US FOR VBS! At Shipwrecked VBS (Vacation Bible School), from July 23–27 at 9:00 am–12:30 pm, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms.

- **Register for VBS:** Calvary's VBS is open to kids entering grades 1 through 6 (in the fall of 2018). And best of all, it's all FREE! Register your kids—and invite other families to do so too—at calvarylife.org/vbs
- **Volunteer at VBS:** It's rare to be able to offer such a great VBS for free. One distinction of Calvary's VBS is that it has always been free and always will be, but that is only because of generous people like you. Find out how you can get involved at the VBS station in the Lobby today or join us for the Volunteer Meeting at 12:30 pm today in the Worship Center.
- **Donate to VBS:** Can't be a VBS volunteer but still want to help? You can help by donating supplies. With a new, fun craft and snack every day of VBS, we'll need lots of help in this area. If you have picked up a snack tag, please bring in your items today to the Donation Station in the Lobby, or tomorrow to the Church Office upstairs in the Worship Center. Didn't grab a tag? We can always use gift cards to Smart & Final, Costco, and Target too.

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