

# BLESS

**July 15**

**Opening Up:**

- What is your love language: acts of service, gifts, words of affirmation, physical touch, or quality time?
- Who is the most thoughtful servant that you know? What makes them a great servant?

**Reference:** Mark 7:24-37

**Discuss:**

1. What did God say to you in the sermon this week?
2. What do you think God wants you to do about what you heard in the message?
3. How can the group help you with that?
4. It was said on Sunday, “to serve like Jesus we need to experience His love and learn how love like him.” How have you personally experienced the love of Jesus in your life, this past week, or today? How does it inspire your love.
5. There are two stories in our text. In the first story, vv. 24-30, there is woman he puts her trust in Jesus. Tim Keller rights about her. “This is **rightless assertiveness**, something we know little about. She’s not saying, ‘Lord, give me what I deserve on the basis of my goodness.’ She’s saying, ‘Give me what I don’t deserve on the basis of your goodness—and I need it now.’ Her assertiveness with Jesus rests on his goodness.”
  1. Have you ever been hesitant to pray because you don’t feel worthy? Explain.
  2. What should you be more assertive about in your prayers? Explain.
6. The second story, vv. 31-37, shows how Jesus shows is loving service.
  1. He is present, sensitive (pulling him aside), and clear (using sign language). How can we learn through the way Jesus serves this man?
  2. Why is it important in our service to care about more than a physical need, and to also be aware of social, emotional, and spiritual needs?
  3. How can we sometimes hurt in our attempts to help?
7. Who are you being called to BLESS in your life through service?
8. How can we pray for you?