

## 10-23-22 Facilitator

### 1. **Launchers: When have you felt isolated?**

### 2. **Worship: Using Ephesians 2:11-14 *Astonish Yourself Beyond Measure.***

Ephesians 2:11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

### 3. **Sermon Reflection: Jesus Heals the Deaf and Mute Mark 7:31-37**

#### **THE VALUE OF WORDS GIVEN & RECEIVED**

- Why do hearing and speech matter so much?
- How have you felt the good power of someone’s words?
- How have you taken the gift of words for granted?

#### **ISOLATED & SILENT**

- What happens by way of deafness and an inability to speak?
- How have you missed or not heard what God has said?
- How have you been mute or unwilling to express what is in your heart to God and others?

#### **EARS TO HEAR & A HEART TO SPEAK**

- Why is it significant that Jesus works for our healing?
- Why does Jesus sigh?

### 4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: *You Can Pray with Us...***

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty for how He speaks and hears. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that He has both made Himself known (by His Word) and hears you (by prayer)

2. How have you taken the gift of words for granted, become hardened or deaf to all that God has said? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and give you ears (and a heart) to hear Him.

3. Give thanks to Jesus that to save us, as He took our place of guilt on the Cross, that He was willing to cry out yet not be heard. Thank Him for being cast out in our place so that we could be brought into God’s family.

4. Who do you know that is isolated, especially by how they have chosen to live? Pray for them, asking the Lord to move toward them the way He moved toward the deaf man in this story.

5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you cherish every Word God has given you and express your heart freely to Him in prayer. Pray for the Spirit’s help in reading God’s Word every day and praying eagerly all through the day.

### 5. **Mission: Christians: From Begging to Astonished Beyond Measure!**

- Christians beg.
- Christians live astonished beyond measure.
- Who are the people you sigh over?
- Make a list of their names.
- Now fall at Jesus’ feet and beg Him to heal them.
- Watch and Track Holy Spirit’s work.