



# Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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## ***Program for Sunday, May 14, 2023***

**Call to Worship:** *To God Be All Praise & Glory with MDC Kids*  
*Children are dismissed to Sunday School at this time.*

**Call to Worship:** *The River*

**Welcome, announcements, and prayer:**

- **Welcome and Thanks for joining us today!!!!**
- **The Women's breakfast was yesterday morning.**
- **The Men's breakfast was yesterday morning.**
- **The Weekly Bible Study is meeting this week.** We are studying Revelation 21 and 22, "Life after Life." We are meeting at the green house at 1641 Bixler Road. Also, the link for a Zoom call-in can be emailed to you. Please contact the office email or phone and the link will be sent to you.
- **We have another fundraiser.** We are collecting sneakers in any (yes, any!) condition. There is a garbage can lined with a black bag in the carport of the green house on the property. Please put your sneakers in there.
- **The "GoFundMe" fundraiser website for MDC has been updated** for the Property Building Project. It is going well. If you're interested in donating please go to our website: [www.OurMDC.org](http://www.OurMDC.org) and click on the link. **You can also pick up a few business cards at the back table with the QR code to share with family & friends.**
- **Please pick up Connect Cards/Envelopes** in the back for offerings, prayer requests and place it in one of the offering boxes. **Please note**, for pledge card donations, please mark your gift "BF" or "Building Fund."
- **Thank you for your continued financial support of MDC.**
- **Please contact us** for any needs, suggestions, or prayer requests:
  - Pastor Larry Quinnell - [PastorLarry@OurMDC.org](mailto:PastorLarry@OurMDC.org)
  - General Info. - [Info@OurMDC.org](mailto:Info@OurMDC.org)
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**Adoration: Presentation Song:** *A Mother Like You (Quinn Eckerman, solo)*  
*Lamb of God*

**Message:** *The New King is compassionate to all people.*

**Response/Invitation:** *Peace Be Still*

**Assurance/Sending:** *Changed*

**Close of Service**

## Message Notes:

**Friday Devotional: John 10:10** "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The character of God determines the conditions of fellowship with Him.

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- Downplay traditions to highlight Scripture.
- Use scripture (not tradition) to rebuke others.
- Not tradition, but the high calling of love and holiness.
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### Overview Mark 7:24-30

- Jesus travels to Gentile region, hopefully away from crowd.

- Syrophenician woman persistently begs for help.
  - Daughter has a demon.
- Disciples want Jesus to tell her to hush.
- Discussion about Jews first, then Gentiles.
- Jesus praises her great faith.
- The woman goes home to find her daughter's demon gone.

#### **Takeaways Mark 7:24-30**

- Like the woman, be willing to step out of your comfort zone.
- Like the woman, pursue Jesus insistently.
- Great faith is: Humble, Desperate, Persistent, Reverent, Bold.
- Placed in Jesus (not methods, not ritual, not religious practices)

#### **Takeaways Mark 7:1-30**

- What kind of faith displeases God?
  - Religious acts for show.
  - Religious acts that nullify the commands of God.
- What kind of faith pleases God?
- In Jesus, who is clean, touches our impurity; we are viewed as pure. Jesus remains pure. Faith in the proper faith object.
- Heartfelt expressions.
- Asking for mercy presumes unworthiness.
- Having the proper attitude:
  - Humility. Brokenness. Desperate. Penitent. Reverent. Persistent.

**Mark 7:31-37** Again He went out from the region of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of Decapolis. 32 They brought to Him one who was deaf and spoke with difficulty, and they implored Him to lay His hand on him. 33 Jesus took him aside from the crowd, by himself, and put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting, He touched his tongue with the saliva; 34 and looking up to heaven with a deep sigh, He said to him, "Ephphatha!" that is, "Be opened!" 35 And his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was removed, and he began speaking plainly. 36 And He gave them orders not to tell anyone; but the more He ordered them, the more widely they continued to proclaim it. 37 They were utterly astonished, saying, "He has done all things well; He makes even the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

#### **Overview Mark 7:31-37**

- Jesus travels from one Gentile area to another.
- People brought a deaf man with a speech impediment.
- Jesus touches the man's ears, and the man's tongue.
- Jesus sighs. Jesus looks to heaven.
- Jesus says, "Be open!"
- The man could hear and speak plainly.
- Jesus tells the man to be quiet about it.
  - Irony: Initially, this man is permitted to speak, but cannot, now he is not permitted to speak but he can

#### **Takeaways Mark 7:31-37**

- Salvation comes to the Jews first, then to the Gentiles.
- Sometimes we have to have the faith for our friends and family to bring them to Jesus.
- There is power in a simple honest witness of a life change.
- Our testimony can change the reputation of Jesus.
- Accept that Jesus is willing to touch our point of hurt and shame intimately in order to heal us.
- Story is incomplete without the crucifixion, and resurrection.

**Mark 8:1** In those days, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples and said to them, 2 "I feel compassion for the people because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat. 3 "If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come from a great distance." 4 And His disciples answered Him, "Where will anyone be able to find enough bread here in this desolate place to satisfy these people?" 5

