## This Is Uncomfortable

What situations make you uncomfortable? In what ways do you sometimes make someone else uncomfortable?

Read Mark 7:24-30.

- 1. Why did Jesus leave Galilee and go to the pagan city of Tyre?
  - A. To get away from the Jews.
  - B. To get away from the Jewish leaders who hassled Him (vs. 1).
  - C. Jesus had given up on the Jews.
  - D. Jesus wanted to reach the Jews living in Tyre.
  - E. Jesus came for pagans, too; not only for the Jews.
  - F. To challenge His disciples' prejudice.
  - G. It was a great time of the year to visit the coastal city of Tyre.
  - H. God told Jesus to go to Tyre next.
  - I. Other.
- 2. Why did news of Christ's arrival in Tyre spread so fast?
  - A. Christ's disciples went ahead of Jesus and prepared the people.
  - B. The woman at Jacob's well told her relatives in Tyre about Jesus.
  - C. The Jews in Tyre had heard about Jesus.
  - D. The pagans in Tyre had heard about Jesus.
  - E. Jesus healed several people right away, which sparked awareness.
  - F. Jesus and His posse looked like they were going to stir up trouble.
  - G. The Holy Spirit was already at work in Tyre.
  - H. Other.
- 3. Why did the pagan woman ask Jesus to free her child from the demon?
  - A. Moms do that type of thing.
  - B. No one in Tyre had been able to help her.
  - C. She had heard of Christ's practice to cleanse those with demons.
  - D. She didn't think Christ's disciples would help her.
  - E. She believed Jesus would help her.
  - F. She hoped Jesus would help her.
  - G. She was at the end of her options and grasping for anything.
  - H. God had told her to ask Jesus for this miracle.
  - I. Other.

- 4. Why did Jesus respond so harshly to the woman (vs. 27)?
  - A. It seems appropriate to me.
  - B. The woman cut in front of nearby Jews asking for healing.
  - C. She wasn't a Jew—part of God's chosen people.
  - D. Demons come out of Jews easier than they come out of Gentiles.
  - E. This tested His disciples' inherent prejudice against Gentiles.
  - F. This tested the Gentile woman's faith in Jesus.
  - G. This tested the Gentile woman's persistence for her daughter.
  - H. Other.
- 5. Why did Jesus heal the demon-possessed girl?
  - A. He admired the mom's great comeback comment.
  - B. The faith of the mom.
  - C. The faith of the little girl.
  - D. The obvious need of the little girl.
  - E. That's what Jesus does—He heals people in need of healing.
  - F. Score one for Jesus (and against Satan and his demons).
  - G. To show His disciples the broader group of people for them to serve.
  - H. Other.
- 6. The Bible doesn't say, but what might have happened after vs. 30?
  - A. Lots of others with demons came for cleansing freedom.
  - B. The Gentiles couldn't get enough of Jesus.
  - C. The Jews in Tyre got jealous of the Gentiles Jesus helped.
  - D. Christ's disciples asked Him to debrief what just happened.
  - E. That was the only miracle Jesus did in Tyre.
  - F. The little girl became demon-possessed again.
  - G. The woman and her daughter left Tyre and followed Jesus.
  - H. Other.
- 7. Consider potential prejudice based on: Race, religion, gender, school, socio-economic status, generations/age, gangs, political affiliation, athletic ability, grades, families.
  - A. How do people in groups different than your group relate to you?
  - B. How do you relate to people in groups different than your group?