

## Opener

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1. Have you ever gone out of your way to help someone? Share some stories.
2. When you are dead-set on reaching a destination, do stop for nothing or allow yourself to be distracted or detoured?

## Discussion

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1. Read Mark 7:31-37. What happened when Jesus went out of his way to help someone?
2. In Jesus' day, there was a prevailing thought that the handicapped were cursed because of personal or family sin. What kinds of social prejudices exist in our modern context about those with similar challenges? How should we respond when we have opportunities to help?
3. What was significant about how Jesus treated the deaf man when he "Took him aside?"
4. What do you notice about how Jesus heals this man? What is revealed about Jesus to both the man and to us as the reader of this scripture?
5. What do you think of when you read that "Jesus does all things well?"

