

“Going To The Dogs”

Discussion Guide

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2. If you suddenly went deaf what three sounds would you not miss at all?

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2. Were Jesus’ words in vs.27 harsh or do you see them as some sort of play on words? How does this woman take it, (vs.28)? How is her reply evidence of faith?
3. Where does the healing of the deaf man take place? Who else had been healed there (5:1-20)?
4. Is there anything significant in your mind about the way Jesus healed him? How do the locals respond to this healing in contrast to the previous one? Why?

APPLICATION:

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3. Which people in your life have cared enough to bring you closer to Jesus? What did they do?
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