



## Group Discussion and Application

1. Tell about a time you were the (recipient) (giver) of personalized ministry. How did you that experience affect you?
2. What makes ministry personal?
3. Why do times of personal ministry to others provide especially good opportunities to present the good news of Christ to them?
4. Suggest some specific ways we can identify with others and show them we are genuinely interested in them.
5. What prevents us from ministering personally?
6. What excuses do we use to avoid personal involvement in helping others?
7. List some practical ministries we can perform (as individuals and as a congregation) toward others.
8. In addition to lessons on personal ministry, what other truths are we to learn from this passage? E.g., What is the significance of this healing being done in Gentile territory? What is significant about opening deaf ears? About the miracle being performed at Christ's command? About the phrase, "He has done all things well"?



## Personal Reflection and Response

1. Write down the name of someone who is in need of some personal ministry:
2. What is this person's specific need?
3. How can you help?
4. How can you make your ministry to this person personal?
5. How might you use this as an opportunity to share the claims of Christ?



## Family Homework

1. How do you know when someone cares about you? What is your response?
2. Select questions from the list above to discuss at the family dinner table.
3. Consider whom your family can minister to in a personal way. Discuss ways each family member can be involved in this ministry opportunity.



# Reaching Out by Reaching Out

Mark 7:31-37

*The personal care received by the deaf mute is seen in:*

**1**

The personal concern of his \_\_\_\_\_ [32]

**2**

The personalized ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ [33-34]

**3**

The personal \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Christ [34-37]