

Palmetto Baptist Church – April 8, 2018
Loving the Deaf through the Gospel – Mark 7:31-37

Inside the Text:

I. A biblical description of the Deaf. (Various passages)

- A. The Deaf are image-bearers of God. (Genesis 1:26-28)
- B. The Deaf are crafted according to God's masterful design. (Psalm 139:13-16; Exodus 4:11)
- C. The Deaf are recipients of God's loving affection. (Leviticus 19:14)
- D. The Deaf are trophies of God's amazing grace. (Isaiah 29:18; Isaiah 35:5)
- E. The Deaf are in need of God's glorious gospel. (Matthew 11:5)

II. A Christ-like response to the Deaf. (Mark 7:31-37)

- A. He made himself accessible to the Deaf. (31)
- B. He responded to cries for the Deaf. (32)
- C. He communicated personal care for the Deaf. (33)
- D. He demonstrated deep concern for the physical and spiritual condition of the Deaf. (34-35)
- E. He ministered to the Deaf as part of God's broader plan to reach all nations. (36-37)

Apply the Text –

- **Treat the Deaf as you would any other image-bearer of God who is crafted according to God's masterful design and in need God's amazing grace.**
 - Greet the Deaf when you come to church.
 - Invite the Deaf in your community to attend our church.
- **Call out to God for the salvation of souls from the Deaf community.**
 - View the Deaf community as an unreached people group.
 - Pray for the harvest of souls in the greater-Greenville/Powdersville area.
- **Prayerfully consider learning ASL to communicate in the heart language of the Deaf.**
- **Partner with PBC by giving of your time, talents, and treasures to the Deaf Ministry.**
 - Time: Attend the Deaf service at 3 PM each Sunday afternoon at 620 Powdersville Main.
 - Talents: Volunteer to help provide rides, serve in the nursery or organize a youth group.
 - Treasurers: Give financially during the 3 PM service.