

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

An Unnamed Mother with Great Faith Matthew 15:21-28

Main Thought: The unnamed mother in Matthew 15:21:28 can teach us some valuable lessons about faith.

1. SHE DARED TO CONFRONT _____ (vv 21-22)

1) What obstacles did she _____?

(1) She was a _____

(2) She was a _____

(3) She was a _____

2) What _____ her efforts?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

3) What obstacles keep us from coming to _____?

2. SHE WAS _____ (vv 23-25)

Three _____ factors:

1) The _____ of Jesus

2) The _____ of the disciples

3) The _____ of Jesus

4) Are we persistent in our _____ with Jesus? (Luke 18:1-8)

3. SHE RELIED ON GOD'S GRACE

1) _____ bread, dogs, and grace

2) Do we recognize our _____ poverty and rely on God's grace? (Ephesians 2:1-10)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read Matthew 15:21-28 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. What the context of this passage within the Gospel of Matthew?

8. Where did Jesus go and why?

9. What woman came to Him and what request did she make? What was unusual about this encounter? What did she know about Jesus by the way she addressed Him?

10. What is the historical relationship between the Jews and the Canaanites?

11. Why did Jesus not help her at first and what convinced Him to change His mind and help her?
(See also Luke 18:1-8)

12. Explain what is meant by the illustration of dogs, children, and crumbs?

13. How did the woman respond to Jesus' illustration? What was the result?

14. What's your overall impression of the point of this story's inclusion in the Scriptures? What should we learn and apply from it?