



7 Habits of a Healthy Christian Community
Caring Consistently
 Matthew 15
 Pastor Chris Lenhart – August 14, 2022

Questions for Exploration

1. How does Jesus' interaction with a Canaanite woman serve as a powerful testimony of the priority of care for his disciples and his Church?
2. What are the essential qualities of a Christian faith community that intends to honor God through a ministry of caring for those who are in need?

Supporting Scripture

Mk. 7
 Acts 2:42-47
 Mt. 15:10
 Mt. 14:14, 32
 Lk. 19:10

Introduction

Disruptive Compassion (21-23)

Mk. 7:26

Dynamic Faith (24-28)

Jn. 1:12-13
 Mt. 8:5-13

Deserving Praise (29-31)

Mk. 7:31

How can private and corporate prayer form and fuel the children of God to accomplish the work of God in the communities, nations, and cultures that he has planted us in?

Passages for further consideration and study regarding prayer:

Matthew 14-16
 Galatians 6:2
 The Gospel of Mark

Next Week: Pastor Tom Hubbard

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<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with Prayer -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p>Read the Text -read the text together. (Matthew 15:21-31)</p> <p>Discussion Guiding Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the surrounding accounts that bookend this encounter with the Canaanite woman, Jesus is moved by compassion. In your group, or personally, compare and contrast love and compassion. How do they relate? In what ways are they different? 2. How was Jesus using this experience to further train and develop his disciples to carry out the mission that he would give to them? 3. Why is Matthew so careful to identify the woman as a 'Canaanite'? How does this highlight her race and ethnicity as clearly, 'other than' Jewish? What was the history between the Canaanite and Jewish people? Who are the people or people groups in our lives that we sometimes label as, 'other'? 4. Compare and contrast the posture of Jesus' disciples with the posture of the Canaanite woman. How are disciples demonstrating similar qualities to the religious leaders who were rebuked in verses 1-20? 5. What qualities does the Canaanite woman demonstrate that invite Jesus to lean into her need, to care for and attend to her request, and to commend her? 6. How does Jesus' continual presence among and care for the gentile people fit within the scope of the purpose for which he came? What does it mean that in order of priority, he came to the Jew first, then to the Greek (Gentile)? <p>Questions towards Spiritual Growth & Discipleship:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text challenge us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. How are we motivated to grow in a greater love for others? 3. How might Jesus be motivating us to apply some of the principles from this passage to our families, careers, communities, or churches? 4. How might Jesus be using us to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. How can we pray for each other between now and next time? 	<p>Supporting Scripture</p> <p>Acts 2:42-47 Mk. 7 Acts 2:42-47 Mt. 15:10 Mt. 14:14, 32 Lk. 19:10 Mk. 7:26 Jn. 1:12-13 Mt. 8:5-13 Mk. 7:31</p> <p>Prayer Requests</p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>