

Small Group Sermon Questions for the week of 10/27/24

Matthew 15:21-28

The questions below are discussion starters based on this week's sermon. Use them to keep your folks engaged with the worship, scripture, and with one another.

- 1) Does the placing of this passage in Matthew 15 have any significance? How would you compare the heart conditions of the Pharisees and teachers of the law against the Canaanite woman?

- 2) How do you think this Canaanite woman knew about Jesus? Why would she, of all people, call him, "Lord" and "Son of David"?

- 3) Why do you think Jesus remained silent at first?

- 4) Jesus could have simply healed this woman's daughter without remaining silent, telling her about God's plan, and referring to her as a dog. Why do you think all of this happened before the healing?

- 5) What happens when we make this woman the center of this story? What happens when Jesus is the center of this story? Why does that matter when we read Scripture?

- 6) What are obstacles that prevent you from persisting in your faith?

- 7) What does this passage tell us about pleading to the Lord on behalf of others?