

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Opening Question

Share a time when you felt like an outsider or encountered an unexpected disruption in your life. How did you respond?

Key Takeaways

1.) Jesus often uses disruptions to teach important spiritual lessons.

2.) Our cultural biases and traditions can cloud our vision of God's kingdom.

3.) Desperation can lead to a deeper, more authentic faith.

4.) God's grace is greater than our sin or social status.

5.) We are called to love and serve those unlike us, even when it's uncomfortable.

Discussion Questions

1.) How does the Canaanite woman's persistence challenge your own approach to prayer and faith?

2.) The disciples wanted to send the woman away. In what ways do we sometimes try to "send away" difficult people or situations in our lives?

3.) Jesus initially seemed to ignore the woman. How do you respond when it feels like God is silent or distant?

4.) The sermon mentions that "unshakable faith leads to unmatched mercy." Can you share an example of this from your own life or someone you know?

5.) How does this story challenge our tendency to judge others based on their background or appearance?

6.) In what ways might God be using current disruptions in your life to teach you something important?

7.) Pastor Zach mentions feeling nervous about the church's upcoming move. How can we maintain faith and trust in God during times of change or uncertainty?



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Practical Application

1.) This week, intentionally reach out to someone you might normally avoid or overlook. How can you show them God's love?

2.) Reflect on any "traditions" or cultural norms that might be hindering your faith. Ask God to help you see beyond these limitations.

3.) Practice persistence in prayer this week. Choose one thing to pray for consistently, even if you don't see immediate results.

4.) Look for opportunities to serve in an area of the church or community that takes you out of your comfort zone.

5.) Share with the group next week about any "crumbs from the master's table" you experienced – small blessings or answered prayers you might normally overlook.

Closing Prayer

Lord, give us the persistent faith of the Canaanite woman. Help us to see beyond our cultural biases and to recognize Your work in unexpected places and people. May we be willing to be disrupted for the sake of Your kingdom. In Jesus' mighty name, amen.