

# The King's Road: The Revelation of the King

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## The King's Road: A Test of Faith

Matthew 15:21–39

### Small Group Discussion Questions

#### Icebreaker

1. Have you ever wanted something so badly that you refused to give up until you received an answer? What happened?
2. Describe a time when you felt ignored or overlooked. How did you respond?

#### Digging Into the Text

Read Matthew 15:21–28

#### The Woman's Desperate Cry

1. What does the woman's request reveal about her understanding of Jesus?
2. Why is it significant that a Gentile woman calls Jesus "Lord, Son of David"?
3. What situations in life tend to bring people to a place of desperation before God?

#### Jesus Tests Her Faith

4. Jesus initially gives no response to the woman (v. 23). How do you think she felt during that silence?
5. Why do you think the disciples wanted Jesus to send her away?
6. Have you ever experienced a season when God seemed silent? What did that do to your faith?
7. What is the difference between God ignoring someone and God testing someone's faith?

#### Persistent and Humble Faith

8. How does the woman's response in verse 25 demonstrate humility?
9. What stands out to you about her answer regarding the crumbs from the master's table?
10. Why do you think Jesus publicly commended her faith?

#### Great Faith

11. Jesus calls her faith "great." Based on this passage, what characteristics define great faith?
12. How does this woman's faith compare to the faith often displayed by the religious leaders in Matthew's Gospel?

#### Application

13. What circumstances are currently testing your faith?
14. When God seems silent, are you more likely to persist in prayer, become frustrated, or walk away? Why?

15. How convinced are you that Jesus is sufficient for your greatest need?
16. Have you ever discovered that God's answer was different from what you expected but ultimately better than what you had asked for?
17. What would it look like for you to demonstrate the kind of persistent faith this woman displayed?

### **Looking Forward (Matthew 15:29–39)**

18. After healing the woman's daughter, Jesus goes on to heal many others and feed four thousand people. What do these miracles reveal about His compassion and provision?
19. How do these events reinforce the lesson learned from the Canaanite woman's faith?
20. What encourages you most about Jesus from this passage?

### **Closing Challenge**

The Canaanite woman teaches us that genuine faith continues to trust Jesus even when the answer is delayed, the circumstances are difficult, and the outcome is uncertain. This week, identify one area where your faith is being tested and commit to bringing it before Jesus daily, trusting that His silence is not His absence.

#### **Memory Verse:**

*"Then Jesus answered her, 'O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.' And her daughter was healed instantly." — Matthew 15:28 (ESV)*

### **Prayer Reflection**

Take a few moments as a group and reflect on the following questions before praying:

- Where is my faith currently being tested?
- Have I allowed God's silence or delay to discourage me?
- What burden am I persistently bringing before Jesus?
- Do I truly believe Jesus is sufficient for my greatest need?

