

## Mother's Day 2025

### Key Passage: Matthew 15:21–28

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#### BELONG

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##### Ice Breaker Question:

What's a quality you admire in your own mother or a mother figure who has impacted your life?

*Leader Notes: Mother's Day brings out a variety of emotions. It's a celebration for some and a sorrowful day for others. Pastor David walked us through the story of a persistent, desperate mother who brought her burden to Jesus—and received a blessing beyond what she imagined. Her story reminds us that Jesus always sees, always cares, and always has enough—even when it feels like we're barely getting crumbs. Let's review some of the lessons he taught.*

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#### BELIEVE

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Have someone in your group read Matthew 15:21–28 aloud.

**1. What aspects of the woman's situation emphasize her desperation (her background, her child's condition, Jesus' initial response)? Have you ever experienced a similar sense of desperation in your role as a parent or in seeking help for someone you love?**

*Leader Notes: A Canaanite woman – the one people group that the Jews most disliked. Single mom of a demon-possessed child. Allow for vulnerability and sharing. Most of us have had some time of desperation in our families. Emphasize that it's okay to acknowledge difficult emotions and experiences.*

**2. Verse 23 says, "But he did not answer her a word." How do you respond when God seems silent in your moments of desperation?**

*Leader Notes: Guide your group to be honest. Some may struggle with doubt or frustration. Encourage them to consider that God's silence does not mean absence. Use this to deepen trust rather than stir discouragement.*

**3. The woman's persistence is a key part of the story. How does she respond to Jesus' initial silence and the disciples' dismissal? What does her statement in verse 27 reveal about her humility and faith?**

*Leader Notes: Discuss the difference between persistence and demanding. Highlight her respectful yet insistent approach. Her statement in verse 27 about dogs emphasizes the depth of her humility and her belief in Jesus' power to heal.*

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## BECOME

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**1. 63% of Americans have the same faith as their mother by age 11. How does this statistic impact your perspective on the role of mothers?**

*Leader Notes: Help your group see the weight and opportunity in their influence—especially moms, but also spiritual mothers, mentors, and anyone investing in others. Faith is contagious when it's lived authentically.*

**2. What is one thing you can apply from what the panel shared during the sermon?**

*Leader Notes: The panel was asked four questions: Have you had moments of desperation like this woman? How did you respond, and what did you learn from it? What do you desire for your children? What would you say to the moms today?*

**3. Pastor David asked, "What are you asking for your children today? What do you desire for them today?" How would you answer that question?**

*Leader Notes: Take time to pray for your group's request for their children.*

