



April 15, 2018

Main Text: Matthew 15:21-28

Optional Ice Breaker

Share with the group what some of your favorite “summer memories” are from your childhood and what you are looking forward to about this summer.

The BIG IDEA

Knowing what to do when you come to fork in the road in your life.

Getting in the Word

Read all of Matthew 14 and then Matthew 15:1-20, what is the context Jesus and disciples have found themselves in? Recount all that has led up to this moment.

What was the “fork in the road” the Canaanite woman found herself in, what choices did she have when it came to the directions she could have gone?

What does the Canaanite woman ask for? How does she address Jesus and what does this reveal about how she perceives Jesus?

What are the three responses Jesus gives her throughout this text? Knowing these responses, would you have given up? Why or why not?

Read Romans 4:19-20, how does the story of Abraham and Sarah give you encouragement when dealing with delayed gratification and not giving up?

After having her faith tested, what did Jesus say about the Canaanite woman’s faith and what was the reward of not giving up?

What three things does the woman do that demonstrates her “Great Faith”?

Share with the group some of the “forks in the road” in your life that you need prayer about.

The BIG Question Is:

What direction will you go when faced with a crisis or difficult decision?