

Faith and Persistence, Matthew 15:21-28

Discussion starter: Have you ever offered to pray for a friend who isn't a Christian? What was their response?

There are some very bold claims about prayer in the Bible. (See Mark 11:24, John 15:7, James 5:6) How do these bold claims direct the way we should pray to God?

Why do you think it was significant that the woman was a Canaanite? (vs 22)

Jesus explains that he was sent to the lost sheep of Israel. What does he mean by this?

In what ways does the woman show persistence? Is it right to be persistent in prayer/bringing our requests to Jesus?

What are the indications of the woman's faith that we see in the passage?

What does it mean to pray with faith and persistence?

What are some ways that we can encourage each other to pray in faith and with persistence?