

Matthew
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –06/08/26

Matthew - Lesson 21
Matthew 15:21-39

1. Read Matthew 15:21-28. Jesus withdraws from Galilee (Jewish) to the region of Tyre and Sidon (Gentile area - helpful to look at map in the back of your Bible or a biblical atlas). This was not a mission to preach the kingdom in this area because he does not do so. Why might he have gone there?
2. What does vs. 22 tell us about the woman that came to him there? On what basis did she make her request of him? Did Jesus initially respond? What did the disciples urge him to do? Why?
3. When Jesus does respond to her, it is not with the immediate compassion or words that we expect. He seems to refuse to help her. How did he answer her in v. 24? What did he mean? How did she respond?
4. How did he reply to her in v. 26? Did she deserve his help? How would you explain her response?
5. Why did Jesus finally grant her request? What does this woman teach us about faith?
6. How did she compare to the Pharisees? What was Jesus teaching his disciples through this account?
7. Read Matthew 15:29-39. Jesus left the region of Tyre and Sidon north of the Sea of Galilee and traveled down the eastern side of the lake to the Decapolis region which was primarily Gentile. Why did great crowds come to him? How did they respond to his miracles of healing?
8. How was the feeding of the 4000 similar to, yet different from, the previous feeding of the 5000?
9. What was he teaching his disciples about their future ministry?