

CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements

Week of 6/5/22

DISCUSSION: [Mark 7:24-30](#)

(Discuss the question cluster below - as much or as little as works for your group)

Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally

Through a complicated interaction between Jesus and a gentile woman, the passage showed us a Jesus who can challenge us in unexpected ways; ways that are meant to invite us in, not push us away. Still, it's hard to have God challenge us and to lean into that challenge. Perhaps what's most challenging about Jesus' interaction with the woman of this passage is that it showed God's has a *process* for how he cares for us and our world *and* we are not in control of that process. Let's talk about how Jesus may be challenging us in our lives and what this passage shows us about the hope we have in those challenges

- A. What's a challenge you're facing right now?
 1. *How might it encourage you to know God has a process and a plan for what's happening in your life through this challenge?*
 2. *What's hard about not being in control of God's process in the midst of this challenge?*
- B. What's an area of life in which you're not very comfortable with God challenging you (i.e., money, relationships, work, school, use of time, the way you talk, how you think)?
 1. *What makes it difficult to have God challenge you in that area?*
 2. *What will his challenge call you to give up or find with him instead?*
 3. *How might remembering just how much Jesus gave up to have you change the way you think about giving up things for him?*
- C. The woman in this passage showed extraordinary humility - willing to be a pet in God's spiritual house rather than try to find help anywhere else. In what ways might God be challenging you to humble yourself like she did and give up finding help somewhere other than with God?
 1. *What's something practical you can do differently to start working on giving up that tendency to look for help somewhere other than God - to 'leave other tables'?*
 2. *What help do you need from God (or from others, this group, the church, etc.) to do that?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Our Adult Ed class on the Religious Poetry is **meeting in-person in the social hall** for the next two Sundays at 9am. There will still be a Zoom option for those who would prefer to watch online. After that, Adult Ed will be on summer hiatus.
- Save the Date: **CTK Women's Ministry has planned** a short hike at [Breakheart Reservation](#) on [Saturday, June 18 at 10:00AM](#). More details to come.