



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

What summer plans are you looking forward to?

How overwhelmed are you feeling as you look forward to those summer plans?

Today's Reading

Matthew Chapter 15

One of the challenges in reading a Gospel is that it is not a day-by-day journal of what Jesus did. It is a collection of stories that demonstrate the power of the Gospel in different situations. The disciples come across as not understanding what Jesus is up to in many of these stories. And a lot of that is by design of the author. The author is sharing these stories with his audience, and his audience was the modern disciple. So in many ways the reaction of the disciples in the story reflect the way the author saw his own audience reacting to these stories.



Start the Thinking

Who gets to experience the Gospel? This question is at the heart of the story involving the Canaanite woman. She was an outsider. Jesus initially brushes her off, his disciples initially brush her off. She keeps coming. She demands the Gospel is for her, too. Who gets to experience the Gospel today, that we should no longer brush them off?



Conversing with God

God of good news, you are relentless in offering the Good News. Sharing the Good News comes from our hearts and informs our actions. Encourage our welcome of those who we might have otherwise brushed off. Open our hands to share the little we have, that all may have some. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen



Be blessed

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine brightly upon you that you experience all God's grace. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen