

Perspective Impacts Us Bible Study 3: “Desperate Cries & Table Size”

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First Things First:

- Tyre and Sidon were important Gentile cities in Phoenicia
 - New Testament use of the word “Canaanite” was usually a derogatory term for Gentiles
 - Because dogs are four-legged animals that walk on their paws, they’re considered unclean
 - Son of David is a Messianic title
1. Why are women’s voices often discounted, discredited and devalued in American Society when women get loud, forceful or show determination (e.g. They may be told they’re being too emotional and need to calm down)?

2. What might drive a person to persist when the person they’ve come to for help initially ignores their request?

Let’s Get After It:

3. Now that we’ve read the lesson, what are your first impressions of the text?

4. What signs within the text lets you know that the woman in the lesson believes that the help she seeks should be available to her and her daughter?

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5. Do you think Jesus’ initial statement to the woman is a response to her request for help or the disciple’s request that Jesus send her away? Why do you feel this way?

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6. If you were one of the disciples watching Jesus’ encounter with the Canaanite woman, what would you think Jesus was trying to teach you about the quality of people’s faith?

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7. How might a person’s perspective of the seating capacity at God’s table affect how they respond when people from different backgrounds seek a seat at the table?