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Sermon Study Notes For Small Groups Or Individuals
Notes for September 2, 2018

Sermon Title: Crumbs Under the Table

Text: Matthew 15: 21-28

Group Discussion: Can you remember the last time that you and your family sat down and ate a meal together? How did it make you feel? What were some of the best moments of sharing a meal together?

Individual Discussion: What are some of your best memories growing up and eating breakfast, lunch, or dinner around the table?

1. In your opinion, why are retreats and moments of rest so important?
2. In today's text and message, the woman desperately needed Jesus to take care of a problem in her life. She was on a mission on behalf of her child. Are there times in our lives when we need to be determined as this woman when seeking something from God? Why or why not?
3. Many people feel that Jesus' response to the woman was short and rude. In your opinion, do you think Jesus' reaction to the woman displayed rudeness? Why or why not?
4. What are the "crumbs under the table" to you?
5. In this story, the reader gets to see another side of Jesus. What are your thoughts on the Jesus that you see in this narrative?
6. Why is it so important to be aware and open to the opportunities that surround us?
7. Do you think Jesus was testing the Canaanite woman's faith?
8. Why is a relationship with God a matter of faith?
9. Pastor Vern said "There's power in the crumbs." What do you think he was trying to say?
10. What have you learned from this message and lesson?