

# Life Group Lesson - Week of 2/25

This lesson is based on Matthew 15:21-28

## Highlight

One of the best ways to highlight Scripture is to look for repeated phrases or themes. When the author says something again and again, it clues the reader to what his primary theme might be. A second study skill is to look for contrasting words.

- Highlight a verse or words that stick out to you.
- Highlight Jesus' response to the woman and then her response to Him.

## Explain

In this portion of our study, we're intending to figure out Matthew's meaning to his original audience, as well as those of us who read this today. \*\*Remember, the Bible cannot mean what it never meant.\*\*

- Why does Jesus refer to this woman as a dog?
- According to this passage, to whom was the gospel meant for first and then how does it spread?

## Apply

This is now the portion of our study where the rubber meets the road. While the text CAN ONLY have one meaning, there are several different ways it can apply to our lives today.

- What is something or someone you have persistently been praying for? Share this with your Life Group and allow them to help carry this burden with you.
- One of our outcomes here at Grace is "looks around for the lost by living sent to their neighbors and the nations". How can you notice and take interest in one person this week, just as Jesus did and share the gospel with them?

## Respond

According to Daniel Akin at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, "Observation + Interpretation, w/o Application = Constipation."

- Evaluate where the basis of your faith stems, does it come from your own understanding/works or from God?

- If you haven't picked your One Bold Move for the year, what is one thing that you can do this year that will help you grow in your faith? Share this with your Life Group leader for accountability purposes.