

Connect Group Guide: “A Faith That Pleases Him”



Passage

Sermon Link: [▶ A Faith That Pleases Him](#)

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- What pleases you?

Worship:

(May choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- Link: [▶ Grace to Grace - Of Dirt And Grace \(Live From The Land\) - Hillsong U...](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- Is it possible to please God? If so, how?
- What does it mean to have relentless, passionate faith?

Read: Hebrews 11:6

- According to this verse is it possible to please God?
- What specifically pleases God?

Read: Mark 7:24 - 30 & Matthew 15:22 - 28

- The desperation of the woman was tangible. She was not a Jewish woman, so why did she address Jesus with the term: "Lord, son of David...?"
- Why do you think Jesus was initially quiet at the woman's request?
- The disciples asked Jesus to deal with the woman because of her persistence in crying out after Him.
Why do you think she was persistent even when she did not receive an answer from Jesus straight away?
- In Matthew 15 verse 25 the woman says: "Lord, help me!" How is this different from the first time she addresses Him?
- In Matthew 15 verse 27 the woman is effectively saying: "Even if I only get the crumbs, even if I only eat last, as long as you are my Lord, my Master, that will be enough."
What is the appeal of this kind of faith?
- It's important to know it was not the strength of the woman's faith that healed her daughter, but her humility and her in seeking after Jesus!
How can we remain humble in faith?

Quiet personal reflection statement:

Jesus commends the kind of relentless faith that does whatever it takes to get to Him. The woman understood that it did not matter who she was in anybody's eyes, because she understood who Jesus was.

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- Do you and I persistently and passionately press into what God has called us to? How can we take practical steps towards this?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

- Pray for the love of God to grab our hearts into a state of relentless faith.