



Next Week: Feb. 14, 2016

Title: "Marriage - God's View? or Man's View?"

Texts: Matt. 19:1-12

In a Nutshell: *"Did the 'family' evolve or have a designer? Who wrote the rules? What happens if someone breaks the rules?"*

This week's readings:

- Feb. 1 – 7, Matt. 15-18

Next week's readings:

- Feb. 8– 14, Matt. 19-21

Our Purpose:

To help families apply the truth of God's Word in everyday life and build closer relationships within our church.

Our Passage:

"But God has {so} composed the body... {that} the members should have the same care for one another."

1 Cor. 12:24-25 (NAS)

February 7, 2016 | "Those Whose Faith is Great"

Texts: Matthew 15:1-28

IN A NUTSHELL " Jesus met a gentile woman whose "faith was great." Those who are willing to change worldviews look for truth without a desire to be affirmed for anything other than the truth. Fragile egos like those of the Pharisees aren't able to see the world through another view. This will be a review of some people who have left their old worldview to look to God."

ICE BREAKER Have you ever met a person that came to faith late in life? What caught their attention and drew them to their new faith?

HIS WORD

1. What are the key differences between the Pharisees (vss. 1-14) and the "Canaanite" woman (vss. 21-28)?
2. Boil it down. What "defiles a person" according to Jesus? Mt. 15:18-20
3. What did Jesus say was the problem with the Pharisees? Mt. 15:6-9
4. What did Jesus say was to the Canaanite woman's credit? Mt. 15:28
5. How might knowing that Jews hated dogs and Greeks enjoyed them influence this story? Mt. 15:26,27 [Worldview!!!]

YOUR WORLD

1. How has personal tragedy affected faith in your family?
2. What is the difference between a faith that is desperate and a faith that is enjoyable? Which type of faith do you seek?
3. How does "ego" seem to play into the difference of these faiths?

SMALL PIECES

1. How many times have tragedies brought you closer to Jesus?

BIG PICTURE

1. How many of those hard times have made God's wisdom and grace more visible?

Parents with your Children...

Discuss with your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, are there any family members that came to Christ late in life? What made the difference for that person? Was it a life situation, a relationship, some type of new information?



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