

Opener

1. As a kid, were you ever desperate for a toy or possession and went to great lengths to get it? Tell some stories.
2. Has anyone ever been so persistent with you that you ended up giving in to them? Why did you or didn't you give in?

Discussion

1. Read Mark 7:24-30. What stands out to you about the woman's desperation for Jesus? How desperate would a Gentile mother have to be to admit true desperation to a Jewish teacher?
2. On Sunday, Pastor Ray talked about the wealth of the Tyrean people. Why is this significant to the characters in this story?
3. How does Jesus' response to the woman draw out her faith?
4. Have you ever faced tough times that drew out your faith and required a faith-filled response? Share about this.
5. The big lesson here is that desperate faith moves God's heart and God's hand...like nothing else. How can you be more persistent for God's help in your desperate times?
6. Read Luke 18:1-8 and discuss the case for persistent prayerfulness illustrated in this parable.

