

## MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

Passage: Matthew 15:21-39

#### Read Matthew 15:21-39.

1. What two things do we learn about this woman's racial/cultural background? How might a typical Jew view this woman?
2. What does this woman want Jesus to do? How do we feel about this woman and her request? How does Jesus respond to her?
3. What response does Jesus give the woman in v.24? What do you think this means?
4. Why do you think Jesus' is reluctant to make the woman an exception to the rule?
5. What can we learn about Jesus from his interactions with the woman so far? How does Jesus challenge our own views about himself?
6. What is shocking about Jesus' words in v.26? What does Jesus mean?
7. What is remarkable about the woman's response in v.27? How might this response encourage/challenge our faith and how we view ourselves?
8. What kind of area does Jesus travel to in v.29? In what ways do vv.29-31 contrast with vv.21-28?
9. What response do all these miracles elicit from Israel?
10. What are the similarities and differences between the feeding of the 4,000 (vv.32-39) and the feeding of the 5,000 (14:31-21)?
11. What might the differences teach us about the scope of Jesus' mission?
12. What do you think these feeding miracles are supposed to teach us? How can they encourage us in our trust of Jesus?