

NWC Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 7/14/2013

Matthew 15.21-38

Focus: *encouraging the church to have daring, persevering, humble faith in Christ's goodness and power, and to offer this faith to all peoples.*

(If you want to read the Sneetches story as part of your time, you can find it here: <http://www.barnabasministry.com/quotes-sneetches.html>)

- Read 15.21-28. What surprises you most about Jesus' responses? How can you make sense out of that?
- What is the significance of the geography and ethnic background of this woman?
- What do you learn about faith from her? What about her faith do you most long to emulate?
- Read 15.22-38. This is a near duplicate of the feeding of the 5000 in Matthew 14. Why do you think Matthew records these 2 very similar stories almost back to back? What is he trying to teach us?
- What is the significance of the geography and background of these stories? How does that apply to the way we think about race? about missions?
- Pray for one another about your "takeaways" from this passage.