**The Mother Who Suffered**

**About the mother:**

What do we know about her from Mat. 15:21-23?

What do the following verses say about who the Canaanites were?

Genesis 10:19-20

Genesis 9:22, 24-27

Genesis 28:1

Exodus 34:11-16

Joshua 16:10

Summarize how prejudice might have developed between the Canaanites and the Jews.

**The Mother’s Choices**

List the actions this mother took in Matthew 15:22, 25

What obstacles did she encounter according to Matthew 15:23?

**How Jesus Responded . . .**

***To the disciples:***

How did Jesus identify the woman and how did this identification enlarge the perceived ministry of Jesus? See Matt 15:24

***To the mother:***

In Matthew 15: 26, how was Jesus’ statement more of a test than a put-down?

How did the mother respond in Matthew 15:26-27?

In Matthew 15:28, how did Jesus characterize her faith? Why?

**Finding My Lessons**

What is your deepest cry right now?

What is the difference between a cry for mercy and a cry for healing?

What keeps me from taking my pain to Jesus?

What value does persistence have when we ask Jesus for something?

Where am I prejudiced toward valuing another’s pain more important than my own? Is that the way Jesus sees it?

How does addressing my struggle help me become someone Jesus can use to bring his healing/help to someone else?

Would Jesus call my faith “great?” Why or why not?