

## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for August 16, 2020:  
*Persistent Openness*



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with  
CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- Tell a story about a time when persistence paid off for you or a family member. If you rank American values, does persistence make the top 3?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

25 The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

26 He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

27 “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

28 Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

### Matthew 15:21-28

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- Imagine how you would react if you were in this encounter? As the woman? As the disciples? As Jesus?
- What do you sense God wants to draw out of you during this time?
- Agree/Disagree. “Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.” - Thomas Edison.

- **SERVE** *others*

How can you help to cultivate a persistent openness in someone this week?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**