



Sermon Discussion Questions:

"The Faith of Outsiders"

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- How might acknowledging the Bible's complexity and multiple voices deepen, rather than diminish, the way a community reads Scripture faithfully?
- What does the tension between biblical calls to welcome foreigners and warnings about outsiders teach us about interpreting difficult passages?
- What does the Canaanite woman's persistence in the face of silence and rejection reveal about the character of faith?
- How does placing the Canaanite woman's story immediately after Jesus' teaching about what truly defiles a person change the way we hear both passages?
- The sermon names biases, prejudices, judgments, and hidden motives as dangers within us. What practices can help a community examine and transform them?
- How can labels, appearances, and accepted social boundaries keep people from recognizing faith in unexpected places?
- If none of us are insiders to righteousness and all depend on crumbs of grace, how should that shape the church's welcome and treatment of others?