



Jesus has a message of good news that is for every 1. This series explores that message of hope, healing, grace, and salvation, and asks each 1 who follows Jesus to share it with some 1 who doesn't...because that's what Jesus did!

Week 2: "Whoever Comes To Me I Will Never Drive Away."

1. Have you ever felt excluded or unwelcome from some group? How did that make you feel, and how did you respond? Follow up: **Read John 6:37**. How do these words from Jesus encourage you and challenge you to welcome every 1?
2. **Read Matthew 15:21-28**. What surprises you about Jesus' initial response to the Canaanite woman? How can we understand this in light of Jesus' overall ministry and message?
3. **WHAT JESUS DID: Jesus opened up the kingdom to 1 and all.** Rick suggests that Jesus was testing both the woman and his disciples. How might this change the way you view this story? Follow up: *Jesus commended the "mega-faith" of the Canaanite woman*. What does this teach us about who is capable of having great faith?
4. **WHAT THIS MEANS: Some 1 is "hungry."** *Many who are far from God do not realize how empty they are until they face a crisis.* How have you seen or experienced that to be true? Follow up: What should that teach us about how we view every 1?
5. **WHAT THIS MEANS: No 1 is "them."** *Heritage is nice, but it never got any 1 into heaven or kept some 1 out of hell.* How does this statement challenge our cultural or ethnic biases in the church? Follow up: *What every 1 of us needs is the bread of life.* **Read John 6:51**. How can we cultivate a hunger for the bread of life in our own lives and share it with others?
6. **WHAT THIS MEANS: Every 1 is "whoever."** *Christianity is a "whosoever will" religion.* How does this align with or challenge your previous understanding of who can come to Christ (**see Romans 3:22**)? Follow up: Reflect back on **John 6:37** where Jesus said He will never drive away those who come to Him. How can we embody this attitude in our daily interactions?
7. Rick closed by saying that *"Some 1 who does not look like you is looking for bread."* How can we be more intentional about reaching out to those who are different from us? Close your time by praying for open hearts, asking God to help each member see others as He sees them, and for the courage to reach out to those who may feel excluded or unwelcome.

