

LH Groups exist to fulfill the mission of the church to Reach the Lost & Make Disciples. We do this primarily through Connecting People & Strengthening their Faith.

Connecting People - You shouldn't have to do life alone. We were made to connect, and we want to connect you to Jesus, and to others on the same path as you.

Strengthening Faith - It's ok to not be ok, we just can't stay there. We want to create opportunities for you to step out in faith in pursuit of Jesus and His will for your life.

#### **STORIES**

We love stories of how Jesus is changing lives through Groups! If you have a story of Jesus working in you or your group send it to us at groups@lighthouse.church.

# **QUICK NOTES**

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# Between Rocks Week 2 - Rock of Offense

## **RECAP**

Matthew 15:21-28

Luke 17:1

Matthew 11:6

I'm Offended Because I Feel Ignored.
I'm Offended Because I Feel Insignificant
I'm Offended Because I Feel Insulted

# **ICEBREAKER**

In hindsight, what is the most ridiculous thing you've ever been offended about?

# **GROUP QUESTIONS**

#### Read Matthew 11:2-6

John the Baptist, the man chosen to go before the Messiah (read as Savior of Israel), has been faithful in everything yet finds himself in prison rather than seeing Jesus overthrow their Roman oppresors. Jesus says "Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

- What was the stumbling block for John?
- What was the blessing in not tripping over it?
- What can we miss by being offended by Jesus doing things differently than we would like or expect?

#### Read Matthew 15:21-28

- Why do you think Jesus tests this woman in this way?
- What benefit is there to her to step over each stumbling block? (What progression does she make?)
- It is fascinating that the rest of Matthew 15 describes Jesus feeding the 4,000. We often focus on the big, obvious miracles at the expense of seeing the power in simple, small acts of faith. In our story the Canannite woman was content with just receiving "crumbs that fall from [her] master's table." because she knew the crumbs that come from Jesus are more than enough to satisfy. What can we learn from this woman about how we approach Jesus in our relationship with Him?

## **MEMORY VERSE**

Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

- Matthew 11:4-5