

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

**In preparation for Sunday, June 7, 2015**

**Passage: Mark 5:21-43**

Memory Passage: Mark 5:34

### **DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Mark 5:21-43.** Where is Jesus after He “crossed to the other side?”
- (b) What is unusual about Jairus’ physical behavior? What does this show about his assessment of himself and his situation?
- (c) What does the fact that Jairus wanted Jesus to “lay hands” on his daughter reveal about his thoughts toward Jesus?
- (d) How is the “great crowd” affecting the atmosphere around Jesus? How would you feel if you were in the crowd on that day? How might you be responding?

### **DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Mark 5:21-43.** What do you learn about this woman from the lengthy description in vs. 25-26 (in addition to the specific details give consideration to what her life was like because of these details [see, for instance, Lev. 15:19-33])?
- (b) Why did this woman have the confidence that a mere touch of Jesus’ garment would make her well?
- (c) What should we take from the fact that both Jesus and the woman felt power transfer from Jesus? Is this the way we should always expect to be healed? Should we never expect to be healed in this manner? Explain your answer.
- (d) Why does Jesus know He was touched but does not know by whom?

### **DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Mark 5:21-43.** Why does the woman’s knowledge of what happened to her cause her to respond to Jesus’ question with “fear and trembling” (think of any and all possibilities)?
- (b) What does Mark continue to teach us about the relationship between healing and faith (cf. 2:5; 4:40; 9:23-24; 11:22-24)?
- (c) Describe what the woman’s new life will be like (spiritual, religious, family, community, personal) now that she leaves “in peace” & “healed.”
- (d) If you were Jairus, what would you be feeling and saying during this delay on the way to heal your daughter?

### **DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Mark 5:21-43.** What does v. 35 reveal about the messengers’ understanding of Jesus’ ability?
- (b) What is the connection between fear and faith so far in Mark’s account (2 connections in this section alone)?

(c) Why does Jesus allow only Peter, James, and John to go into the house with Him?

(d) Why does Jesus say the child was only sleeping when everyone knew that she was dead?

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Mark 5:21-43.** What is the difference between this account in which Jesus commands silence about what He had done and the previous account in which He commanded proclamation of what He had done?

(b) Consider the situations of Jairus and the woman and write down what you find to be both different and similar about their situations, the way they approached Jesus, the way they responded to Him, what their expectations were, etc.

(c) In both these situations those involved were at their wits end and Jesus alone was their hope. Are there situations in your life in which you think/feel that you are in complete control and this causes you to ignore Jesus'? Are you truly in control, or is it an illusion, and how might you more faithfully walk by faith in Jesus in those situations (in other words, walk as if He is your only hope, which He is!)? How might you better trust in Jesus and His power in the "small" areas of your life?

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*Jesus Is Our Only Hope*