



SDG Discussion Guide

Mark 5:21-34

May 5, 2019

For Starters:

What would you do if the phone rang, the doorbell chimed, your child called to help, and the oven alarm went off all at the same time?

If you could raise someone from the dead, who would it be? Why?

Guideline: The following is meant to provide an approach for further interaction with the respective sermon text and surrounding passage. Feel free to forward to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find this write up in print on that Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together and prayed, what points and questions arise? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these points and questions. Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions you may use to guide your interaction with the text.

1. What's the longest you've had to suffer with a physical ailment?
2. Of all the people pressing for Jesus' attention, two get through to him in this story? Why?
3. What obstacles did Jairus and the bleeding woman have to overcome to reach out to Jesus for help?
4. After the woman was healed, why was it important to Jesus that she be identified?
5. What factors were involved in the healing of the woman? How was her faith obvious to Jesus?
6. Jairus, the synagogue ruler, fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to heal his 12-year-old daughter. When was the last time you "fell at Jesus' feet" and begged for help? Where may you need to do this very thing now?
7. The woman with the bleeding problem spent all her money and a great deal of effort to find a solution for her suffering. How likely are you to try every other option before you take your problem to God?

Pray for one another. Continue to ask our all-knowing, all-present and all-powerful Father to speak to you in your prayers - to bring healing and reconciliation for any and all matters of your heart. Hold nothing back in your pleading to God for help in whatever you believe you need right now. Go forth this week, believing and knowing evermore that God sees you, hears you, and loves **you**.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).