



## Week of July 1, 2018

### Mark 5:21-43

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea.

<sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

<sup>24</sup> So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well."

<sup>29</sup> Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it.

<sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

<sup>38</sup> When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.



Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

Gathering questions:

- A. What, if anything, can make you envious or even jealous of other people?
- B. What aspects of inequality in society bother you most? Why do you think that is the case for you?

Bible Study Questions:

1. Do you think the "other side" represents anything? Why do you think Jesus keeps going back and forth?
2. Why is the synagogue leader's name mentioned? He never appears again. What is the significance of according him a name?
3. In verse 24, why does Jesus have to go to the daughter? Why didn't they bring the daughter to Jesus?
4. In verse 30, why do you think Jesus wants to know who touched him?
5. In verse 36, compare and contrast the leader's possible loss of faith (Jesus tells him, "do not fear, only believe") in the face of his setback, versus the woman's perseverance in the face of her condition worsening (verse 26). How resilient are you when things go from bad to worse? What role does faith play in that?
6. In verse 39, why do you think Jesus doesn't admit that the child is dead?
7. When things are rough for you, do you get jealous of others whose prayers seem to be answered before yours? When things get worse for you, do you maintain hope that they will get better? What lessons do you draw from this passage?
8. How can you use this story to help someone you know?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers about ways in which each person can seek God's justice for all.