

Luke 8:40-56 – A dying girl & a sick woman

Introduction

It was suggested that a short introduction and conclusion should be added to the study - to help give it some context.

Today's study looks at the healing of Jairus' daughter and the healing of the bleeding woman. Both of them came to Jesus in desperation. And both of them were faced with problems that were out of their control. And yet they both come to Christ in humility and need. They're not sure what to expect – in fact, they're not even sure what Jesus is capable of. For them it's not a matter of just "knowledge" but their hearts yearned for Christ so much, they were willing to move and seek Christ.

And they were not disappointed.

Today's study hopes to challenge us to look at Jairus and the woman, discover that no situation is hopeless. When Christ is our hope, even a bleak situation becomes an opportunity for God's glory. But like Jairus and the woman, we may need to persevere, and things might even get worse before they get better.

So let's look at the words of Christ, and be encouraged as he tells us not to fear, to believe, to go in peace, and to arise.

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Warming Up

1. What's been frustrating or challenging you this week? Spend some time praying for each other to start today's study. And then ask God to let his Word speak into each of your situations through the study.

Into the Passage

Read Luke 5:40-56

2. Who is Jairus? What do you think is the reputation of Jairus?
3. What do you think are some of the things going through his head?
4. In one word, how would you describe Jairus' situation?
5. The woman suffers from a discharge of blood that won't stop. Why is this a problem? (additional thoughts in Leviticus 15:19...)
6. What are some things that are going through her head?
7. In one word, how would describe the woman's situation?
8. How does Jairus approach and ask Jesus? Why?
9. How does the woman approach Jesus? Why?
10. The woman is instantly healed after touching the fringe of Jesus' garment. But she doesn't want anyone to know. But Jesus stops walking to address the situation. Why? Why does he want to know?
11. Read verse 48. What do these words mean to the woman? What does it mean that "your faith has made you well."
12. What do you think is going through Jairus' head when he hears that his daughter has died?
13. Verse 50. Has anyone said something similar to you before? Did you have trouble believing it? Why? How do you think Jairus feels about Jesus' reassurance?
14. Imagine the scene in verse 51-52. If you were mother or father how would you be feeling? How would you feel if you were the

disciples? Would you react the same as they did after what Jesus says in verse 52?

15. Now look back the things that Jesus says in verses 46,48,50,52,54. How would you describe Jesus' statements? What characterises the way he approaches the situations? How does that contrast with the way we (and the people there) deal with situations?
16. In one word/phrase, how would you describe Jesus' perspective on Jairus & the woman's situations?

Moving Forward

As we continue to walk with Jesus, let's explore ways that this passage can be applied into our lives and situations. Jesus didn't just analyse things from a distance, but he got directly involved in people's lives.

17. Are you confident to approach Jesus, or do you tend to hide away until the situation gets desperate?
18. Looking at Jesus' words in this passage, do you need Jesus to say any of them to you now?
19. Are you (or do you know someone) in a situation like Jairus or the woman? How would you help them?
20. How can you increase your faith?

Life Together

Part of being a cell group is developing honest and authentic community where we are able to support one another in trust.

21. Pray the words of Jesus into each other's life and situations. Pair off or pray for the person on the right, but just spend time specifically praying for one another. Asking Jesus to speak directly each other's lives and situations.

Luke 5:17-26 - Some Leader's Notes

These notes are primarily for the Into the Passage portion, and are to be used just as guidelines or commentary notes. Most of them are my own thoughts, so take that with a grain of salt. Let the Word of God lead you to truth, not these notes. Don't place too much focus on them, and let the Bible study discussion lead primarily from the passage itself.

Into the Passage

Read Luke 5:1-11

22. Who is Jairus? What do you think is the reputation of Jairus?

Jairus was the ruler of a synagogue. He was the man chosen to care for the physical arrangements of the synagogue, or a rich patron of the local house of worship. He was well respected, and at the same time probably quite knowledgeable about the current debates about Jesus as well.

23. What do you think are some of the things going through his head?

Sadness, desperation, fear, urgency.

24. In one word, how would you describe Jairus' situation?

bleak.

25. The woman suffers from a discharge of blood that won't stop. Why is this a problem? (additional thoughts in Leviticus 15:19...)

The bleeding makes her ceremonial unclean. So she's considered an outcast of society. It's embarrassing, as well as difficult to be part of society. She also spent her all her living on trying to be healed, only to be disappointed. So she's heading towards poverty as well.

26. What are some things that are going through her head?

desperate, hopeless, frustrated, angry, outcast

27. In one word, how would describe the woman's situation?

hopeless

28. How does Jairus approach and ask Jesus? Why?

on his knees, probably crying, and humble. He doesn't care about the possible political ramifications, he just needs Jesus' help. He just wants his daughter to be healed.

29. How does the woman approach Jesus? Why?

in secret. she almost doesn't want to bother Jesus. but with determination and focus to get to his cloak. and in a faith, that just being near Jesus is enough to heal something the doctors couldn't heal. maybe she doesn't want to bother him, she's ashamed, she doesn't want others to know.

30. The woman is instantly healed after touching the fringe of Jesus' garment. But she doesn't want anyone to know. But Jesus stops walking to address the situation. Why? Why does he want to know?

i think we see the answer by his response to her - "go in peace." He wants her to have peace: with society, but also with God. That she did not steal this power, that she does need to hide from Jesus - but that she has been given his peace.

31. Read verse 48. What do these words mean to the woman? What does it mean that "your faith has made you well."

Faith has made her well. That statement suggests that our faith is instrumental in our healing. But how so? It was her faith that moved her, that gave her hope, that pushed her to pursue Christ. Genuine faith moves us into action.

32. What do you think is going through Jairus' head when he hears that his daughter has died?

Lost hope. What's the point. Or else, I'll need to see for myself if she's died.

33. Verse 50. Has anyone said something similar to you before? Did you have trouble believing it? Why? How do you think Jairus feels about Jesus' reassurance?

I'll let u guys answer this.

34. Imagine the scene in verse 51-52. If you were mother or father how would you be feeling? How would you feel if you were the disciples? Would you react the same as they did after what Jesus says in verse 52?

Parents: Crying. Heartbroken. Wasted Jesus time. Upset that the woman stopped him.

Disciples: Awkward. sad. wondering why Jesus stopped for that woman.

Yes. i would probably have laughed. then shouted at Jesus.

35. Now look back the things that Jesus says in verses 46,48,50,52,54. How would you describe Jesus' statements? What characterises the way he approaches the situations? How does that contrast with the way we (and the people there) deal with situations?

Jesus is confident - not arrogant. But peacefully assured. And he just keeps moving on. Doesn't doubt. Doesn't condemn. Not hurried. Patient, strong, understanding, secure. The opposite of us right? We're emotional, frustrated, fearful, hurried, etc.

36. In one word/phrase, how would you describe Jesus' perspective on Jairus & the woman's situations?

Believe.