



Series The Journey Matters

Passage Luke 8:40-56.

Title Leading a Fully Engaged Life

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Discussion Starter – Last week we saw that Jesus sought out the possessed man personally. He cured the man, allowing the man to see Jesus for who he is, and the man became a believer. This week Jairus and the woman approached Jesus because they had heard about his ability to do miracles and heal. Jesus meets us where we are! How did Jesus approach you? How might we emulate Jesus in this way? To family, friends, strangers, co-workers?

Compassion in Crisis is the Response of Christ (verses 40-42)

- Who did the people in the crowd think Jesus was? Why was the crowd following him?
- Why is it difficult to come to Jesus when things are going well? How does Jesus respond when we require help? Does Jesus want a relationship with us only when our lives are in crisis?
- How does Jesus respond to people in crisis? Responding to people in real crisis can be draining and difficult. How do you respond to people in crisis, especially when it is personally painful (sick family member, older parents, for example)? (See Matthew 9:36)

Jesus is Never too Busy to Love and Listen (verses 43-48)

- How does Jesus address the sick woman? How does Luke identify her in verse 43? What should we take away from the difference? How does Jesus respond to “unclean” people. What kind of people may we see as unclean?
- How should we respond to people that are beginning to hear Jesus’ calling? What surprising action did Jesus take given the dire, urgent situation with Jairus’ daughter? What might have happened if he did not stop to talk to her? Have you experienced being too busy to discuss Jesus with an unbeliever?
- How can our well-intended acts of being “responsible” crowd out our most important relationships? How is this a deception? What insidious, worldly pressures makes loving and listening seem impossible?

Hope and Healing is Found in Christ (Verse 49-56)

- Context: Describe the situation at Jairus’ house (per JC, mourning). What is the condition of the little girl?
- How is the healing of the little girl a picture of our salvation (See John 11:25)?
- How do you think Jairus’ faith was impacted by these events? Do you think that witnessing miracles will help or hinder an unbeliever’s view of Jesus?
- What is the purpose of miracles and healing?