

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

12 Years

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DISCUSSION

1. Read Luke 8:40-42. Jairus "fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with Him...", which was rewarded. When we approach the Lord in prayer, we would do well to consider imitating Jairus' approach to Christ. What are some characteristics of his approach?
2. In the parallel passage Mark 5:22-23, Jairus says his daughter is "at the point of death" (NASB), indicating urgency. Despite this, while on His way, Jesus takes the time to address the woman who touched Him, ensuring that everyone knew she had been healed of her condition that by Jewish Law had made her ceremonially unclean.
 - A. How does Jesus model the balancing of priorities and the pressures of life and death situations?
 - B. How do you prioritize the various demands on your time?
3. Read Luke 8:43-48 and the parallel passage Mark 5:25-34.
 - A. What are some characteristics of the woman who was healed?
 - B. How do we deal with the fact that some people are healed and some are not?
4. What are our options for responding to inevitable suffering? How can you prepare to make the best choice?
5. Contrast Hebrews 11:1 (faith defined) and 11:39 (faith not yet fulfilled). Share your experiences and struggles with maintaining faith and hope in the face of deferred or delayed answers to prayer. How can we be certain that our faith in God is well placed?
6. Read Luke 8:49-56. This is the second time in Luke that Christ raises the dead.
 - A. How does this affect your confidence that the Lord will eventually raise you?
 - B. How do you feel about dying?
7. In Luke 8:56b, after raising the young girl from the dead, Jesus told the parents to tell no one what had happened. This directive is given by Jesus often throughout his ministry. Why do you suppose He says this?

APPLICATION

8. In question 2, we examined how Jesus balanced priorities and pressures. Consider your natural tendency: are you more relational or task oriented? Commit to any changes you could make to balance your natural tendencies to better respond to the Holy Spirit.

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1. Jesus is our **hope** of help. Lk 8:40-42
2. Jesus is our **source** of power. Lk 8:43-48;
Ps 30:1-2; 31:9-10, 14-15
3. Jesus is our **life** from the dead. Lk 8:49-56; Ps 30:3, 11-12