



Gospel of Mark, Week 5 – Week of Sunday, February 12, 2012

Questions for Life Groups and Personal Reflection:

Looking at the context:

Our passage this week is Mark 5:21-43. It is found in a larger section of Mark that starts at 4:35 and ends at Mark 6:6a. Look at the headings of the different stories in this entire section. What do you learn about Jesus' power? What does He have power over?

Briefly look at the two stories that 'book end' our text. How do the people in those stories respond to Jesus? Read 5:15-17 and 6:1-3.

Read Mark 5:21-43:

Of all the people pressing in to gain the attention of Jesus, two get through to him in this story. Who are they and how did they gain Jesus' attention?

What impressions do we gain of the sick woman in verses 25-26? How much courage do you think it took for her to touch Jesus?

Why do you think Jesus makes the sick woman reveal herself? For his sake? For her sake? For the sake of the disciples? For the sake of the crowd?

What is the relationship in this story between faith and healing? In what ways other than the physical was this woman healed and given peace?

What impressions do you get of Jairus in verses 22-23? How is the situation similar to that of the sick woman? What is different? How did Jairus demonstrate his faith?

Personal Reflection:

Of *all* the people in this story, with who can you most relate?

Jairus was instrumental in connecting Jesus to his dying, and later dead, daughter. In whose life might you be playing a part in his/her healing or restoration? How?

In what area of your life would you like to be able to trust Jesus to heal you?