

Small Group Sermon Questions for the week of 6/21/26

Mark 5:21-43

- 1) This passage contains two stories woven together — a literary technique Mark uses intentionally. Why do you think he places the woman's healing inside the story of Jairus's daughter? What does the pairing reveal that either story alone wouldn't?
- 2) Jairus was a synagogue ruler — a person of status and religious authority. What does it cost him, publicly, to fall at Jesus' feet and beg? What does that tell you about his desperation?
- 3) The woman had suffered for twelve years and spent everything she had on doctors with no improvement. How do you think that kind of prolonged suffering shapes a person's faith and expectations?
- 4) Jesus asks "Who touched me?" in a crowd pressing around him. Why does he ask? What does he want from her that the healing alone didn't accomplish?
- 5) Jesus tells the woman, "Your faith has healed you." What was it about her faith that Jesus honored? Was it its size, its quality, its object?
- 6) The messengers say to Jairus, "Why bother the teacher anymore?" — implying Jesus' help is now pointless. Have you ever felt like your situation moved past the point where faith made sense? What did you do with that?
- 7) "Talitha koum" — Mark preserves the actual Aramaic words Jesus spoke. Why might Mark include that detail rather than just translating it?
- 8) The woman is healed by faith expressed through touch. Jairus's daughter being raised is an act of grace — she does nothing! What do these two different stories together teach us about how God works?
- 9) Jesus enters into the most hopeless moments of both of these people's lives and acts. What would it mean for you to actually believe this week that he is willing and able to do the same in yours?