Applications

1. Jesus has more than power. He has compassion for our needs.

2. Faith in Jesus unleashes God’s power in our life.

Life Group Questions

1. Read Mark 5:21-43 to familiarize yourself with the passage. When we studied these verses, did you find yourself emotionally connecting more with Jairus and his dead daughter or the sick woman? Why? How were Jairus and his daughter different from the sick woman? In what ways were they the same? What was Mark teaching Jairus through the example of the sick woman’s faith?

2. In Mark 5, we see Jesus doesn’t just have raw power, but he is filled with compassion toward our needs no matter our social status. In these verses, what areas of life does Jesus care about and how does he feel when we suffer? (Matthew 9:36, Matthew 14:14, Matthew 15:32, 2 Corinthians 1:3, Hebrews 4:15)

3. In Mark 5, Jairus and the sick woman experienced God’s work in their life in response to their faith in Jesus. What did their faith cost them? How was their faith rewarded? Read Hebrews 11. In this chapter what did faith cost? How were they rewarded for their faith? How will our faith cost us? What reward can we expect to receive?

4. In Mark 5, we see Jesus delayed healing Jairus’ daughter. Many times it feels like Jesus delays answering our prayers. What does Mark 5:21-43 teach us about why Jesus delayed healing Jairus’ daughter? For a similar incident and reason, see John 11:1-44. What does this teach us about God’s delays in our life?
2. Jesus stopped to heal and care for a sick woman.

And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years... Mark 5:25 (ESV)

...and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. Mark 5:26 (ESV)

She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.” Mark 5:27-28 (ESV)

And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Mark 5:29 (ESV)

And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” And he looked around to see who had done it. Mark 5:30–32 (ESV)

But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. Mark 5:33 (ESV)

And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” Mark 5:34 (ESV)

3. Jairus was a respected man with a dead daughter.

While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler’s house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” Mark 5:35 (ESV)

But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” Mark 5:36 (ESV)

And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. Mark 5:37–38 (ESV)

And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” Mark 5:39 (ESV)

And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Mark 5:40 (ESV)

Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” Mark 5:41 (ESV)

And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. Mark 5:42 (ESV)