

the Teacher anymore.”⁵⁰But when Jesus heard *this*, He answered him, “Do not be afraid *any longer*; only believe, and she will be made well. (sozo)”⁵¹When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl’s father and mother.⁵²Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but He said, “Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep.”⁵³And they *began* laughing at Him, knowing that she had died.⁵⁴He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Child, arise!”⁵⁵And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately; and He gave orders for *something* to be given her to eat.⁵⁶Her parents were amazed (ekstasis); but He instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

So What?!

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“...do not trouble the Teacher anymore.” vs. 49

#2. Jesus is always the answer to distress.
“Daughter, your faith has made you well (sozo;); go in peace.” vs. 48

#3. Jesus doesn’t answer everyone the same way.

#4. I have responsibility to direct my faith at the correct object.
“...he fell at Jesus’ feet,” vs. 41
“...she came trembling and fell down before Him,” vs. 47

#5. Trusting Jesus through desperation, even death is the challenge.
“Are you not the Christ? Save (sozo) yourself and us!? Luke 23:39

#6. I have to trust there’s salvation in no one else but Jesus.
And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

GROUP DISCUSSION

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Would you rather have a docile pet or one that needs a lot of exercise and is very active? Why?

Read out loud: Luke 8:26-39,

What is Luke teaching about Jesus Sovereign Authority?

#1. Apathy and hopelessness are never the right responses. "...do not trouble the Teacher anymore." vs. 49. Do you ever feel like you talk to Jesus about the same things over and over again? Do you ever confess and ask forgiveness for the same sins? What does Jesus not get tired of hearing from you?

#2. Jesus is always the answer to distress. "Daughter, your faith has made you well (sozo;) go in peace." vs. 48. Describe a time when you were in a protracted situation that you spent days, weeks or months talking to Jesus and asking for help. How did He help you through that time?

#3. Jesus doesn't answer everyone the same way. Is this the question you want to ask God when you get to heaven, "why did you heal one person but not the other?" If not what's the question to which you'd like an answer?

#4. I have responsibility to direct my faith at the correct object. "...he fell at Jesus' feet," vs. 41 "...she came trembling and fell down before Him," vs. 47. You wouldn't have faith in a lawnmower to vacuum your carpet and yet sometimes we put our faith in a pastor or teacher that should be reserved for God. Do you think you put more trust in Bible teachers than you really should? How do you read the Bible for yourself, what passages are your favorites?

#5. Trusting Jesus through desperation, even death is the challenge. "Are you not the Christ? Save (sozo) yourself and us!?" Luke 23:39. Who have you known who has demonstrated great faith in God through their life circumstances?

#6. I have to trust there's salvation in no one else but Jesus. And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12. Why do people have a hard time with Jesus being the only way to heaven?

Family Time: Read the story Luke 8:41-42 & 49-56. Talk to your kids about how you would feel if something bad happened to them, it doesn't have to be death! Use this time to let them know how much you love and value them. Have a party to celebrate how great your family is!!!