

**Mark**  
**The Waiting**  
**Mark 5:21-42**

**TALK IT OVER**

**Passages**

*"21 And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. 22 Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet 23 and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." 24 And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. 25 And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, 26 and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. 27 She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. 28 For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." 29 And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30 And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" 31 And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" 32 And he looked around to see who had done it. 33 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. 34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." 35 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?" 36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." 37 And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. 38 They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. 39 And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." 40 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. 41 Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." 42 And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement." – Mark 5:21-42 (ESV)*

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**Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)**

- October 1<sup>st</sup> Trivia Night at Wash Park Campus.

**Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)**

- If the preacher had to give an abbreviated version of last weekend's message, what two point or ideas would you tell him to include no matter what?
- The sermon text was Mark 5:21-42 and can be found on the left-hand side. To keep the study fresh please read Matthew's version 9:18-26 in your Bible for your life group main text.
- How long had the woman who touched Jesus been suffering?
- In Matthew 9:18 the text said that the girl was already dead, why do you think the father still asked Jesus to come?

**Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)**

- What is something that your waiting for God to do? How did you maintain faith during the waiting?
- Have you ever asked God for something that seemed hopeless? Did things turn out the way you hoped or differently?

**Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)**

- Find a helpful habit while you wait for your prayers to be answered. Find a new devotion, journal the process, or make a gratitude list.
- Find a prayer partner and continually pray for what you both are waiting for.

**Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)**

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

**Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)**

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.