



**“Encounters with Jesus”
Life Group Questions
Week 5: The Demon-Afflicted Woman | October 8, 2023**

ICE BREAKER: Does anyone have an interesting injury/accident that they can share about?

Leader Tip: Keep this light – consider funnier things from childhood

1. From the first few verses in this passage, we see the tremendous faith expressed by this woman who *keeps showing up* to encounter God.
 - a. In what season of life have you had to decide to *keep showing up* to encounter God?
 - b. Can you see *now* some of the ways that blessed others *then*?
2. Why is the order of Jesus’ healing act in v. 12-13 important? What does this teach us about the power of the word of God and the compassion of Jesus?
3. Other than salvation, what are some examples of the “unnecessary compassion” of Jesus in your life?
4. In your own words, what is the purpose of miracles in the New Testament? In this immediate context, what is the purpose of *this* miracle? (*Leader Tip: So Jesus can teach about the nature of the kingdom of God in v.18-21*).
5. How has the kingdom of God changed your for life *out there*? Feel free to share small, incremental growth!
6. How has the kingdom of God changed your for life *in here*? Feel free to share small, incremental growth!
7. Share any other thoughts, takeaways, insights, questions from today’s passage.

*****CLOSE IN PRAYER SHARING ONE ACTION STEP EACH IN LIGHT OF THIS WEEK’S TEXT*****