

ENCOUNTERS

WITH THE POWER OF GOD

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS | LUKE 8:40-56

1. Was there anything about the message today that you found particularly helpful/interesting? Anything you'd like to discuss further?
2. Jesus' healing of the bleeding woman kept him from being able to heal Jarius' daughter before she died. What do you think went through the Father's mind? Do you ever feel like God is willing to help everyone one else except you? Or that his timing for your needs is off? How does this text address that sentiment?
3. We learn from this text that Jesus' delay or silence is not inconsistent with his love or ability. Why so? What reasons might Jesus have for his delay or silence in your own life (or someone you care about?) What should you do while you wait?
4. This miracle is the climax of four back to back miracles in Luke's Gospel. Jesus has authority over (1) nature, (2) demons, (3) disease and now (4) death. What point is Luke trying to make? How does the authority of Jesus over all apply today?
5. Coming to Jesus always offers more & costs more than we often first realize. How is this true in today's text? How have you seen this rule play out in your own life?
6. To which character in this story do you most naturally relate and why? What need in your life do you need Jesus to meet? What cost would you be willing to pay? What cost does Jesus ultimately require?
7. The miracles in this passage go to two completely different types of people (rich/poor; insider/outcast). The one thing they shared was the one thing that actually matters: faith. How does this truth apply in our day and age? Are you walking in faith so that you might also experience the power of God?
8. What are some practical things you could do today to help you apply God's Word to your life? How can we pray for you?