

Dear Life Group Leaders,

Throughout this year we're going to take occasional weeks away from John's Gospel. This week we delve in to a passage in Luke's Gospel. On Sunday Simon pointed us towards Luke 8:40-56. He explored what shapes our expectations of what God can do. In these difficult days, let's turn to scripture and allow our lives to be shaped by his truth, priorities and power.

God bless, take care and stay strong,

Andy

## **LIFE GROUP GUIDE**

### **Luke 8:40-56**

**This Week's BIG IDEA:** Expectation.

1. As we dive into a different Gospel this week, can anyone tell the group about the context of this passage or Luke's particular aims in his account of Jesus' life?

*[Leaders note: Luke has a particular priority to show how Jesus came for the poor and outcasts. Luke 4:14-21 is fundamental to Jesus' ministry. And our passage in Luke 8 today is the last in a sequence of back-to-back miracles that starts in Luke 8:22.]*

**Please read Luke 8:40-56.**

2. v40-42, what do we learn about Jairus in these verses? Why has he come to Jesus?  
*[Leaders note: look for biographical details, but also explore his possible motivations.]*
3. v43-44, what do we learn about the woman in these verses? Why has she come to Jesus in secret?
4. v45-48, what emotions do you think the woman would have felt through these verses? Why was it important that Jesus drew the crowd's attention to this woman?  
*[Leaders note: Note she "came trembling" in v47. So, then, how wonderful this public restoration would have been for her. For years she has been ceremonially unclean, but in this moment, Jesus restores her to her community.]*
5. How do you relate with the woman? Are there reasons that you feel ashamed to come to Jesus for healing and restoration? Are you honest about your past disappointments?
6. v49, what does the statement by the messenger from the ruler's house reveal about what people may have thought about Jesus?
7. v50-56, what emotions do you think Jairus and his wife would have felt through these verses?
8. v55, why would Jesus ask someone to get the girl something to eat?  
*[Leaders note: have a read of Luke 24:36-43. Why does Jesus eat something in this moment in Luke 24?]*
9. What's shaped your expectation of what God can do?  
*[Leaders note: The Bible? Testimonies and stories of others? Experience in your own life?]*
10. When faced with difficulties, do we make Jesus our last chance or our first call?
11. What do you believe about Jesus' power and desire to heal – physically, spiritually, emotionally, ultimately?
12. What challenges do you want to bring to Jesus?
13. Let's take time to pray together as we finish this study. What's our expectation of what God can do in and through us and his church? What confidence can we draw from scripture and the Holy Spirit?