



Title: STEPPING OUT TO JESUS

Main Scripture: Mark 5:21-43

Jesus' loving compassion can change any situation.

Compassion is recognizing the suffering of others and then taking action to help.

What if I have stuff that stops me from stepping out to Jesus?

Step out of the crowd and call on the loving compassion of Jesus!

How can I step out to Jesus today?

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Small Group Sermon Study | Mark 5:21-43

Prayer: *Father, we thank You for who you are. May we be renewed and transformed through the study of Your word. Holy Spirit, lead us as we read, discern and discuss this passage together. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Icebreaker: Can you think of a time when you had to take a courageous step of faith with something? If so, share about it briefly with the group.

Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:

1. What did you like or appreciate about this message? What really hit home for you?
2. Jesus' loving compassion:
 - a. How have you experienced this in your life? Or how have you witnessed it in someone else's life?
 - b. Are there any situations we are aware of right now that might need to experience Jesus' loving compassion, that we can do something about or for which we can pray?
3. Reaching out in faith takes courage. How can we help one another be more courageous in reaching out in faith when we encounter crisis moments in our lives?
4. Crowd or mob mentality – Pastor Craig talked about the apathy of the crowd around Jesus in both of these situations. What crowd mentality might you need to “step out of” in your life right now? What pressures or influences keep you from stepping out?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

1. What emotions does this passage or the key theme stir up in you?
2. What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what God is showing you?
3. What verse, phrase, word or challenge do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?

Prayer: *Close in prayer together, praying for yourself and for one another, according to whatever God has shown or spoken to you today.*