Encounters With Jesus #5 "The Desperate"

Encountering Jesus changes everything, by Pastor Jason on 4-21-24 **Text: Mark 5:24-34**

The bleeding stole her LIFE, her JOY, and made her UNCLEAN

The doctors were <u>SMART</u> and <u>SAFE</u>, but they were <u>LIMITED</u>

Our encounter today isn't about suffering, but FAITH, HOPE and COURAGE

False hope gives:

1. No <u>PURPOSE</u>

- 2. No <u>HOPE</u>
- 3. No <u>LIFE</u> (Jer. 17:5)

Big lessons we can learn from the bleeding woman

1. Come to Jesus <u>DESPERATE</u>

2. Make your faith all about <u>JESUS</u>

3. God INVITES you to His love

So...

- Admit your need
- Come to Jesus
- Receive His love

TOGETHER GROUP QUESTIONS

Read **Mark 5:24-34**. What stands out in this passage? What is God's heart wanting to communicate to us through this Scripture?

According to the Law, the woman in our passage was "unclean." This meant that she couldn't touch anyone, she was ostracized in society, couldn't attend church, and had to announce to everyone that she was unclean before entering any kind of space. What types of people might feel that way in our society today, and what should we do about it?

The 12 year issue of bleeding robbed her of her energy, joy, and opportunities. Is there anything in your life that is robbing you of those things?

What is false hope? And what can we put false hope in?

Like the woman fighting her was through a massive crowd to get to Jesus so she could touch Him... How can we be desperate to get to Jesus? What daily actions could we do to show our desperate need for Him?

In the sermon, we talked about making your faith all about Jesus. How are we NOT doing this (for example: what worldly things are we adding to our faith)? And lastly, what are a few ways in which we CAN make our faith all about Jesus?