

## Mark: Our Suffering Servant Victory Over Shame + Death

### TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

#### Key Scriptures

Read -- **Mark 5:21-43**

**Big Idea of the Message:** In the kingdom of God, cultural norms are broken to defeat death and shame.

**Application Point:** We are called to advocate for the vulnerable among us.

**Group Question.** Think back to the message. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?

#### Reflection and City Group Discussion

1. What delays are you currently experiencing in your life? To what degree do you believe these delays are God-orchestrated delays?
2. What has made it difficult or easy for you to trust God in the middle of delays in your life?
3. What lessons have you learned from past delays?

#### Read Mark 5:21-24

- What do you learn about Jairus from these verses?
- Describe his social standing in his community.
- What emotions might he be experiencing at this point in the story?

#### Read Mark 5:25-34

- What do you learn about this unnamed woman from these verses?
- Describe the range of emotions you might be feeling if you were living her life.
- Her faith is somewhat superstitious. She thinks that if she just touches Jesus' clothes she'll be healed. What does Jesus do to bring healing to her in ways that far surpass her physical healing?
- What ideas, practices, or people do we often label "unclean"? How might Jesus redeem, instead of reject, some of those things?

#### Read Mark 5:35-43

- If you were Jairus, what would you be thinking and feeling while Jesus talked with the woman who was healed from her hemorrhage? What thoughts about Jesus might you have had when you heard that your daughter had died?
- How would you evaluate the way Jesus triaged these two situations?
- When Jairus learns that his daughter is dead, Jesus encourages Jairus to trust him. What does that kind of trust look like?
- What do you learn about Jesus from this remarkable passage?
- What specifically is God calling you to do in the middle of the delays you are experiencing?

**Start praying.** Commit what you're discovering to God in prayer.

God calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the woman in the gospel who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself; or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter. Let us ponder for a moment the places in our lives where we may resist turning to God for healing and change. When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter: **God have mercy.** When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation. **Christ have mercy.** When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice: **God have mercy.** In Jesus' Name, Amen.

#### Start doing.

- How can we elevate the socially disadvantaged in our own contexts?
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