



Small Group Study Guide
SERMON: ONLY BELIEVE
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Introduction

Life often feels overwhelming, whether it's from personal challenges or unexpected news. In Luke 8, we witness Jesus navigate two desperate situations back-to-back: a chronically ill woman seeking a quiet miracle, and a frantic father whose daughter has just died. Despite these interruptions, Jesus never loses his focus on the individuals who approach him with faith. Their encounters provide valuable insight into how we, too, can find peace and healing amidst our own chaos.

Scriptures

- Luke 8:40-56

Scripture to Remember

But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well."
(Luke 8:50 ESV)

Observations

Jairus, Jesus nor His disciples were at the synagogue during the events of this passage. Reaching out to Jesus is not dependent on a day or place, but the only belief in who He is.

Application

Feeling overwhelmed?

- Step 1: Do not fear
- Step 2: Only believe

Discussion Questions

1. **Faith in desperation:** Both the woman and Jairus came to Jesus out of extreme desperation, but they expressed their faith in different ways. What can we learn from both their public and private approaches to Jesus when we are in a desperate situation?
2. **Divine interruptions:** The woman's healing interrupted Jesus' urgent journey to Jairus's daughter. How does Jesus' response to this interruption challenge our own reactions to delays and unexpected distractions, especially when we feel like we are on a mission?
3. **Holiness and ritual uncleanness:** According to the Law, the woman's bleeding made her ceremonially unclean and anything she touched. Yet, when she touched Jesus, she was made clean. What does this reversal tell us about Jesus' nature and the power of the Gospel to transform, rather than be contaminated by, sin and brokenness?
4. **Overcoming fear with faith:** After hearing his daughter had died, Jairus is told by Jesus, "Don't be afraid; just believe." What role does faith play in overcoming the fear that can paralyze us in seemingly impossible situations, and how can we cultivate that belief?
5. **Jesus' compassion for the marginalized:** The woman with the issue of blood was an outcast due to her condition. What do Jesus's gentle response and public affirmation of her healing teach us about his heart for the marginalized and those pushed to the fringes of society?

6. **Acknowledging faith:** Jesus' question, "Who touched me?", and his insistence that the woman come forward seem to slow down the process. Why was it important for Jesus to publicly acknowledge the woman and her faith? What impact do you think their dialogue had on those observing their conversation?

Please Include the Following Things In Your Prayers This Week:

- Thanksgiving for Christ's victory over darkness.
- Repentance where we've believed lies or given ground to the enemy.
- Courage to proclaim the Gospel and practical compassion for those who suffer.
- Strength and rest for CrossPointe leaders and volunteers in seasons of exhaustion.

Or Ask Someone to Pray this Prayer Out Loud:

- *"Lord, we ask that every person who attends CrossPointe would find a Small Group Community — a place to be known, encouraged, served, and sent. We also ask for you to help each person who attends our church to find a mentor or friend who will walk with them in faith. Bless our group and we grow together in our faith. Amen."*

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