

The Great Physician

Discussion Questions for Mark 5:21-43

Open It

How did your mother take care of you when you were sick?
When has the Lord ever healed you or someone you knew?
What are some common fears people have?

Explore It

Who was Jairus, and why did he want to see Jesus? (5:22-23)
Who wanted to see Jesus? Why? (5:22-23)
What was Jairus' attitude toward Jesus? (5:23)
How would you compare the faith of Jairus with the faith of the woman in the story? (5:23, 28)
What did Jesus do for Jairus? (5:24)
What was the plight of the woman in this story? (5:25-26)
How was the bleeding woman healed? (5:25-29)
Why did the woman touch Jesus' clothing? (5:27-28)
What happened when the woman touched Jesus' cloak? (5:29)
What was Jesus' immediate response to the woman's action? (5:30-32)
Why did Jesus suddenly stop walking? (5:30-32)
Why could the disciples not understand Jesus' action? (5:31)
Why did the woman fall down? (5:33)
Of what was the woman afraid? (5:33)
How did Jesus' reply give the woman comfort and reassurance? (5:34)
What happened while Jesus was still speaking to the woman? (5:35)
Whom did Jesus tell not to be afraid and to "just believe"? Why? (5:35-36)
Who were the only people who went with Jesus to Jairus' home? Why? (5:37-38)
What did Jesus mean when He said, "The child is not dead but asleep"? (5:39)
How did people react when Jesus expressed confidence that the dead girl would be all right? (5:40)
Who witnessed the girl being raised from the dead by Jesus? (5:40-42)
What were Jesus' final instructions? (5:43)

Get It

What connection is there between a person's faith and whether God heals him or her of a sickness?

How does Jesus' treatment of the sick woman and Jairus offer comfort to us today?

Why do you think the bleeding woman was afraid to admit she was the one who had touched Jesus?

When have you ever felt afraid of God, like the woman who touched Jesus?

In what way is it good for a person to be afraid of God?

In what way do we need to feel that God is approachable?

In what situations do you need God's help?

What does this passage tell us about Jesus' character?

In what situation in your life do you need to heed Jesus' words, "Don't be afraid, just believe"?

Why do you think Jesus urged people not to spread the news of the girl's healing?

How do you hope God will work in the situations that cause you fear?

What attitude or action do you need to change in your own life in light of the fact that Jesus is willing to respond miraculously to our needs?

Apply It

What is one fear that you can ask the Lord to help you face this week?

With what concrete action can you show your faith in the Lord this week?