

Two Daughters: Desperation, Faith, & Miracles

Mark 5:21-42

Take-Home Truth: *Desperation does not discriminate. It drives some to faith and some to fear.*

Christ-Connection: *Christ recognizes our desperation and walks toward it, giving us the opportunity to respond to Him in faith.*

Hook: *(Ice-breaker question. Get the group talking!)*

1. Tell us about a time when you tried to fix something but only made it worse.

Engage: *(Observe the passage and engage with the text)*

2. Read Mark 5:21-24, 35-42. Trace Jairus' desperation/fear that produced faith.
3. Read Mark 5:25-34. Trace the woman's desperation/fear that produced faith.
4. Compare and contrast the experiences of these two individuals.

Reflect: *(Reflect upon the key take-aways from the sermon)*

5. Even though Jairus was a synagogue ruler, he was incapable of changing his circumstances. How did helplessness create desperation/fear for him?
6. How did the law create the desperation/fear in the woman? (Numbers 5:1-3, Leviticus 15:4-12)
7. Discuss the beauty of the revelation that Jesus' cleanness transfers to the desperate (propitiation).

Respond: *(Apply the truths of God's Word to your heart, affections, and actions)*

8. What "ceremonies" are you performing to try to hide your desperation/fears?
9. In addition to prayer, what are other strategies you can use to fight your fears and strengthen your faith?