

Sermon Discussion Guide Meeting Jesus: Jesus and the Woman at the Well Mark 5:21-43 Ronnie Garcia, February 9, 2020

Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Ronnie suggests that the two episodes of Jesus healing the woman with the hemorrhage and the little girl, were really a platform for healing the one person nobody thought was sick, Jairus. How might seeing God work in other people's lives be an occasion for your own discipleship?
- 2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

FAITH THAT IS BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC

1. This woman initially wanted to play "tag" with Jesus. That is, she wanted to touch him, get healed, and run off. Jesus would not accept this. He asked, "Who touched my garments?" (cf. v30) If Jesus was not simply gather information, why did he ask a question that he already had an answer to? How might Jesus be surfacing your private faith, and making it public? How does this make you feel? Is it risky? How come?

SIN THAT DEPARTS AND ENTERS

1. When the woman touched Jesus, Mark tells us in v30 that Jesus perceived in himself that power had left him. Theologians have noted that this represents how it costs Jesus personally to heal others. Christians often talk about the "free" grace of salvation, and this is true. But our spiritual healing is not free for Jesus. Have you ever considered this before? Why would this be so formative for Jairus? How can it be formative for you?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- 2. Who are the people in your life that are "invisible"? How might this passage be helping you to both personally experience God's wide love, and be a conduit of his wide love to others? Is there someone that God has put on your heart even right now?
- 3. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?

4. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?