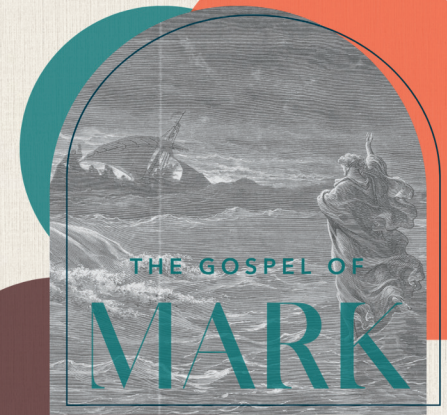


October 1, 2023

HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS

Pastor Roger Poupart // Mark 5:21-43



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



21 When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him; and so He stayed by the seashore. 22 One of the synagogue officials named Jairus came up, and on seeing Him, fell at His feet 23 and implored Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; please come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live." 24 And He went off with him; and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him. 25 A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, 26 and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse— 27 after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak. 28 For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well." 29 Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. 30 Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" 31 And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" 32 And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction." 35 While He was still speaking, they came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the Teacher anymore?" 36 But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid any longer, only believe." 37 And He allowed no one to accompany Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James. 38 They came to the house of the synagogue official; and He saw a commotion, and people loudly weeping and wailing. 39 And entering in, He said to them, "Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep." 40 They began laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and entered the room where the child was. 41 Taking the child by the hand, He said to her, "Talitha kum!" (which translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). 42 Immediately the girl got up and began to walk, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded. 43 And He gave them strict orders that no one should know about this, and He said that something should be given her to eat.



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GROW IN THE WORD

- What are the implications of Jesus using the term "daughter" to refer to the woman in verse 34? Consider that this is the only place in the gospels where Jesus called someone "daughter". See also verse 23; Leviticus 15:25-27; Isaiah 56:3-5.

- How does each person's approach to Jesus differ, and how does each encourage, teach, or inspire you to reach out to Jesus in times of need? Take note of Psalm 34:4; Psalm 62:8.

02. Jesus overheard the news that Jairus' daughter had died. Jesus encouraged him to move past his fear and to believe. He took his closest disciples to Jairus' house, commanded the young girl to arise, and raised her from death (v. 35-43).

- How does this passage reinforce the hope and promise for those who believe in Jesus? See John 11:25-26, Luke 24:5-7.



GROW IN THE WORD

- In what ways can you imitate Jesus' response to both Jairus and the woman? See Colossians 3:12-15; Matthew 9:35-36.

- How do you want to grow in your faith as a disciple of Jesus in light of this passage?

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRAYER GATHERING

Sunday, October 8 | 9:15 am | Room 300

We are launching our next missions prayer guide in October and kick-off this section with a time of corporate prayer for our partners and partner organizations in the Americas. We'd love to have you join us!

CHURCH PICNIC

October 15 | 12:30 pm | Morgan's Wonderland

We're looking for to spending the afternoon together as a community and hope you can join us! You can purchase lunch from the food trucks or bring in your own and the whole family is invited! Learn more online or in the app.

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Pray to begin your group time. Remind the group why you are meeting: to connect in meaningful relationships, to grow spiritually, and to engage in the life and work of the church together. Reflect on the values you want to share as a group (i.e. confidentiality, authenticity, grace).

CONNECT (30-40 MIN)

Use these suggestions to foster connection and build community in your group. You can break your group up into smaller parts if needed, pick a question to discuss, and let each of the members get to know one another.

- Spend a few minutes catching up with one another. Share something you are celebrating (a high) or something that you are working through (a low) this week.
- Ask the second question in the Connect section of the passage guide

GROW (30-40 MIN)

Gather back as a big group if you broke up earlier and have one person pray over your time discussing God's word. As you discuss, don't worry if there are questions left unanswered or unresolved. Reach out to ministry leaders or pastors for any needed clarification.

- Read each section of Scripture you are focusing on prior to discussion. Ask the first question of the passage guide making observations about the man and woman in the story.
- Select 1-2 of the questions that contain cross-references from each section. Read the cross-references together and discuss the selected questions.

ENGAGE (30-40 MIN)

Reflect on the biblical truth God revealed to you this week and discuss a plan of action to apply what you have learned. Gather in smaller groups of 2-4 again. Discuss your plan of action and pray for one another.

- Select 1-2 application questions from the Grow in the Word section to discuss.
- Leave enough time to thoroughly discuss the last question of the passage guide. Take note of the ways in which you can hold each other accountable according to people's responses.
- Close group time by praying for one another either for shared needs or for God to bring spiritual growth according to the previous discussion.