

Campfire Tales: Stories the Disciples Told: - Tales of Two Women

Mark 5:21-43

If you'd like to compare the parallel texts, after you read Mark 4 take a look at Matthew 9:18-26 and Luke 8:40-56. How are the texts similar and how are they different?

Have you ever been desperate for something? What were you willing to do to make it happen?

Do you have a story of when your child or someone close to you was suffering greatly and needed help, or a dear friend was in dire need of medical attention and it was slow in coming? Tell the group about your urgency in that moment.

How was the father brave in his desperation?

How did the woman show bravery in her situation?

Why did Jesus want to know who had touched him?

Jesus healed through the power of touch. How important is touch to you in communicating love, grace and healing? How comfortable are you with that? How comfortable would you be in communicating love, grace and healing to someone who you would consider unclean?

Mark says the people laughed at Jesus claim that the girl was only sleeping. Have you ever scoffed, laughed or been skeptical when someone seemed to have "misread" the situation?

Why do you think Jesus cleared the room and only allowed the girl's parents and the disciples to stay?

How was faith on display in these two stories? How have you been challenged to respond in faith to a hard situation?

Neither of these focal characters, the girl nor the woman, are considered "citizens" in the Hebrew culture. They are marginalized at best and considered as dead at worst. The girl isn't old enough and the woman is considered unclean. How does Jesus cut through the commonly held barriers of cultural red tape in offering ministry to them?

Can we, at FRC, advocate for the marginalized in the Greater Sioux Falls Community in such a way that lives are healed and the gospel is proclaimed?