

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What is a movie or a novel that has one of your favorite surprise endings?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. In this passage there is a desperate father named Jarius begging Jesus to heal his dying twelve-year-old daughter. As Jesus was jostled and bumped by the large crowd walking with Him, a woman reached out and touched Jesus. According to Old Testament Law, she had an untouchable, “unclean” illness. See how Jesus responds in this hectic situation.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage two times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get two people to read **Mark 5:21-34**. **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - How do you think the father may have been feeling when Jesus stopped and asked, “Who touched me?”
 - How well do you respond to interruptions?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - The woman wanted her healing touch to be a secret, but Jesus brought it to the attention of the whole crowd. What does that show Jesus wants us to do?
 - Jesus not only healed of her sickness, but He also gave His blessing and His love. How do you think it made her feel that Jesus called her “daughter”?
 - Because of this interruption, rather than healing the daughter of Jarius, Jesus raised her from death. What does that show about God and His ways?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

* Use a different “icebreaker” if you prefer.

** Reading from different translations often helps.