

Review:

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Desperate Faith

Mark 5:21-34

Christ followers should note that a mustard seed-sized faith, together with humble brokenness and _____, can be a powerful force to draw a person to Jesus.

Discussion 1. Was desperation a factor that drew you to Jesus? If so, explain that. If not, can you recall a person or circumstance when you saw desperation as a factor that drew someone to Jesus?

The premise behind “progressive revelation” is that we receive spiritual truth (i.e., spiritual answers) over time, as the Spirit reveals them to us. Having all our questions answered _____ is simply not part of God’s plan for us.

Discussion 2. Don Guthrie says, “There is a larger way to live your life than to have the answer to every question.” What do you think that means? Do you think there is a value in holding on to unanswered questions when we study scripture? If so, what is it?

Nobody connects with Jesus from coercion or because someone persuaded them to do it. The only way to connect with Him is by faith that He really can _____ from the entanglements of this broken world.

Discussion 3. Is there a difference between believing God CAN heal you and believing He WILL heal you? Which one (or both) would you say is the kind of faith that connects us to God?

Far more meaningful than Jesus’ power and authority to heal us are His power and authority to _____ our sins and to save us.

Discussion 4. If Jesus had just forgiven this woman’s sins and saved her but NOT healed her, do you think she would have considered her risky conduct as worthwhile? Why or why not?