

Small Group Discussion Guide

MARK 5:24-34

“Be a KAT Person”

Based on Sunday's
Sermon 12/21/25

Background

Sandwiched between the beginning and end of the story of Jairus' daughter is the account of Jesus and another outcast, this time a woman plagued with the mark of being considered unclean. Because of her condition, she would not have been allowed to approach Jesus, let alone talk with him because any Jew who came in contact with her would be made ceremonially unclean. (Lev. 15:25) Believing Jesus could heal her, she tried to sneak a healing by secretly touching his garment. This week's discussion is focused on the elements of faith, faith of Jairus, faith of the woman, and faith that we have as believers. Our faith is to be founded upon knowledge, assent, and trust. The acrostic of these elements gives us a memorable way to understand what it means to live by faith in Christ.

Discussion Questions

Getting Started

1. People are generally impatient. Does anyone have a story they can share about waiting and praying for a long time for something and then having your prayers answered?

Observation

2. Read Mark 5:24-34. What details does Mark include about the woman's condition and her efforts to be healed?
3. Compare the faith of this woman with that of Jairus? What about the faith of Jairus' daughter?
4. What words or phrases stand out in Jesus' interaction with her? (Example: Daughter)

Interpretation

5. What does the woman's physical act of reaching out teach us about faith being embodied, faith vs. action, not just intellectual?
6. Why does Jesus stop and ask, "Who touched me?" when the disciples see it as unnecessary?
7. What does Jesus mean when He says, "Your faith has made you well"?
8. Read Psalm 13. How does David's words describe the faith that we see in the woman in the passage?

Application

9. In what ways do we sometimes feel like the woman—desperate, overlooked, or out of options?
10. How can we cultivate the kind of faith portrayed in this passage?