

## Home Group Notes

### Mark 5:35-43 – Faith in Jesus (Part 2)

#### **Read Mark 5:21-24a**

Jairus, a synagogue leader (likely a practical 'president' rather than a 'rabbi') forgets his position and his pride and falls at the feet of Jesus, begging for him to save his daughter.

1. What do you think about Jairus' actions? Were they appropriate for a man of his social standing?
2. What examples from your own life can you think of when you have acted either the same or opposite to how Jairus acts?

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Jesus is still talking to the woman when the messengers from Jairus' house come?

3. How do you think Jairus would have felt about the delay?
4. What was important to Jesus? *Jesus has time for the woman despite the pressing needs ahead - c.f. John 11:6 and Lazarus: Does Jesus have another purpose?*
5. "Why trouble the teacher?" Is this what we think, rather than bringing all our difficulties to Jesus? Do we have too small a view of Jesus?

Jairus has already shown faith by coming to Jesus. His faith is interrupted by the messenger and the terrible news that he brings. Into this despair Jesus says, "Do not fear, only believe."

6. How would you have felt if you were Jairus at this point?
7. Some people find that life's struggles challenge their faith. Others find their faith is strengthened. What is your experience?
8. Jesus then dismissed the crowd and then the hired mourners at the house. Why does he do this?
9. Why does Jesus say, "Don't tell anyone"?
10. In this respect how is Jesus different to the American tele-evangelists?
11. Why does He tell them to give the girl something to eat?

#### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we will not give up when situations hit us which seem too difficult and insoluble. Rather bring them to Jesus. "Do not fear, only believe."
2. Pray for courage when we face derision from others when they mock our faith in Jesus.
3. Pray for our church that we would stand as a beacon of hope for those who are struggling.
4. Pray for the Pastoral work of our Church as we seek to support those who are in any need. Give us sensitive and compassionate hearts.
5. Pray that Lord would enlarge our view of him, and help us to know how to pray for those in need.