

THE GOSPEL

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Jesus' Power Over Death and Disease | Luke 8:40-56

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend, we looked at Jesus healing the woman and raising a young girl from the dead. Understanding who Jesus is and God's heart for each one of us is key as we wrestle with our own struggles today.

R E A D

Luke 8:40-56

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

- 1) Which character do you immediately relate to in the story and why?
- 2) Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your imagination in considering the other characters in the story. Think about their actions, emotions, motivations and responses. If the story doesn't provide clear details, think about what the case might be, as a way of engaging more deeply with the story.
- 3) Name the ways that both stories (the healed woman, the girl brought to life) provide healing in more ways than just physical.
- 4) What was the significance of Jesus calling the woman "daughter"?

5) Pastor Linda talked about the "negative D words" (ex: death, disease, disappointment, despair, doubt, disillusionment, distrust etc.). Share how one (or more) of these things have impacted your own life.

R E S P O N D

Name your own struggles today (physically, emotionally, relationally, socially, mentally etc.), and invite Jesus to meet you right in the midst of it all.

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you if there is someone else He wants you to be praying for, and follow His guidance in praying for them.

P R A Y

Share with Jesus any doubts you have about healing, or the pain that has come when past prayers were unanswered, or you did not receive the answer you were hoping for. Listen, and allow the Holy Spirit to encourage you.

Pray in faith that healing is possible! Trust that Jesus is with you, loving you with such incredible tenderness.

Choose a verse (perhaps one of the promises you reflected on in past weeks) and use it as a breath prayer for 5 minutes. Use it as a way to slow down and meet Jesus right now in this moment, in the midst of today's struggle.

