

Restored to Jesus

Small Group Study

Focus Verses: Mark 5:21-43

Opening discussion: What situation of pain or suffering has made you, or someone you know, question why Jesus lets us suffer?

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do people tend to turn toward God during suffering, but tend to drift away from Him during times of ease and prosperity?
2. What kinds of life situations have caused you to pray desperately? (Mark 5:21-22)
3. Where is God when you are praying desperately, and how intently do you think He is listening? (Mark 5:23-25)
4. What are some reasons God may let people suffer for long periods of time? In what ways might we grow spiritually through our suffering? (Mark 5:26)
5. If you needed a miracle, how boldly would you pursue Jesus to receive the miracle? What might keep you from boldly pursuing a miracle? (Mark 5:27-28)
6. Have you ever experienced or known someone who experienced a great outcome after suffering? What was miraculous about the outcome? (Mark 5:29)
7. How strong is your faith in Jesus' power to stop all suffering? (Mark 5:30-34)
8. What role does our faith have in the outcomes of our prayers? (Mark 5:32-34)
9. Do you ever feel like you're bothering Jesus with your prayers? Why or why not? (Mark 5:35)
10. What are some reasons people think God isn't answering or didn't answer their prayers? (Mark 5:36)
11. Why do we get angry, cry, wail loudly, and get disappointed when God doesn't answer our prayers as we wish? (Mark 5:38-39)
12. What kinds of things might God give us instead of the things for which we prayed?
13. If God did something astonishing for you, how would it change your level of faith and commitment toward Christ? In what ways do you think your walk with God would change? (Mark 5:40-43)

For further growth:

List periods of suffering which you have gone through or are going through.

Take time to reflect on and pray about each period of time in your life.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you how Jesus is moving through your life and using these difficult times to restore you to Himself.

Closing Prayer