

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



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### ICEBREAKER

- How has a traveling companion held you up when were in a hurry to get somewhere?

### READ

Luke 8:40-49

### QUESTIONS

- Finish this phrase: Desperate times call for \_\_\_\_\_. (desperate measures)
- Do you think Jairus, a synagogue leader, came to Jesus as a last resort? Why or why not?
- How does Jesus' response to Jairus, regardless if He was his last resort, encourage you? "So Jesus went with him" (Mark 5:24a). (Jesus seems willing to be the first response to your last resort. He responds to our desperation)
- What did Jairus do in his time of desperation? (He took action by approaching Jesus, then fell at His feet and pleaded with Him to save his daughter who was dying)
- When was the last time you felt desperate about a situation not knowing how it was going to work out? What actions did you take in your time of desperation?
- When Jesus was on his way to Jairus's house who touched the edge of his cloak and why? (A woman who had been bleeding for 12 years who no one else could help)

- How do you think this interruption made Jairus feel? What news did Jairus receive during this interruption?

## READ

Luke 8:50-56

## QUESTIONS

- How did Jesus respond to the interruption of the news Jairus received? (Jesus was not bothered by the interruption, God's timing and plan are perfect even when it doesn't seem like it, When we lose faith Jesus says "Believe, trust Me.)
- How does what Jesus said to Jairus in verse 50 challenge and encourage you? (Jesus might not fix the situation the way you want him to. He might not change your circumstance but He will definitely grow your relationship with Him.)
- Clay said, "Jesus isn't turned off by our desperation but actually uses our desperation. Jesus' goal is not "desperation" but instead is dependence on Him when we are desperate because dependence deepens our relationship with Him." How does this story challenge you to approach God in your time of need?

**THE THREE QUESTIONS:** The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

- **What did you hear?** What point in this message was most impactful for you?
- **What do you think?** How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
- **What will you do?** How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?

**CLOSE IN PRAYER:** How can the group pray for you now and in the days ahead?

**LEADERS:** On September 28 and October 1 we are celebrating baptisms at our RC and WE campuses! Anyone who has put their faith in Christ is invited to participate. You don't have to be a member of RPC|WE to be baptized. To sign up, share [rpc.me/baptism](https://rpc.me/baptism) with your group members.

Also, donations for Cuba will be collected in the lobby of the Richmond & West End campuses during this week from 9 am – 5 pm. Ask your group members to bring one item this week!

We are collecting:

- Powdered milk
- Powdered soup

- Adult & Children's Tylenol
- Feminine hygiene products