

CONNECT

Give an example of a time you sacrificed something you'd rather not (time, money, attention) in order to bless someone else. Was it worth it? Why or why not?

LEARN & APPLY

Read Mark 5: 21-24.

- What do you learn about Jairus from these verses? Why do you think Jesus responds how he does?

Read Mark 5:24-29

- What do you learn about this woman from these verses? Why doesn't she ask for help the way Jairus does? Which approach do you think is harder? Why?

Read Mark 5:30-34

- Why do you think Jesus calls this woman out? Why do you think Jesus' response was important?

Read Mark 5: 35-43

- What do you notice in this story? What emotions and questions does it raise for you?
- Jesus raises 3 people from death to life before he faces death himself: this little girl in Mark 5 (because her father asks), the widow of Nain's son in Luke 7 (unasked, simply out of his deep compassion for the mother) and his friend Lazarus in John 11 (in his own grief at his death-and to reveal the glory of God). What do these stories tell us about God's compassion for us? How does this inform why Jesus chooses to enter into death for us on this Lenten Journey we begin this week?

Read John 6: 37-40 & Romans 3:38-39

- How do you see Jesus' character displayed in both Mark 5 and these verses?

PRAY for those you know are suffering or grieving the loss of loved ones. Entrust them to the one who is the resurrection and the life.