



## **Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions**

Topic: *Jesus Can Change Your Perspective*

Text: Luke 8:40-42, 49-56

Service Date(s): April 19-20, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

### **Getting Started**

- This past Sunday was Resurrection Sunday. It's because of Jesus' resurrection we can have hope. Where would you be today if you didn't have Jesus in your life?
- If you are a Christian, is there something specific in which Jesus has changed your perspective on since you started following Him (i.e. priorities, relationships, worry, etc.)?

### **Sermon Discussion**

- Take a moment to read Luke 8:40-56. From the sermon or text, what things stuck out to you?
- Looking back upon your life, was there ever a time when what God had in store (in His timing) was better than what you would have preferred in your timing? What would have been the outcome if you had received what you wanted right when you wanted it?
- Paul talked about people doing everything they can to fix a situation and finding no answers. It's at that point they turn to God. Do you find that to be true in your life and/or people you know?
- "God's timeline does not match your urgency!" Why do you think it's important we learn to be patient in God's timing and not our own urgency?
- In the passage, Jesus goes from healing a sick woman to bringing Jairus' back to life. The woman had been bleeding for 12 years; Jairus' daughter had just passed away. There is a reality of one request being prayed about for a long-time while another request is immediate. When we witness how

some prayers are answered quickly while others seem to go unanswered for years, it can leave us wondering and having an unclear perspective. Why do you think that God sometimes “seems to” answer some prayers quicker than others?

- “Jesus may not *remove* you from the reality of your difficult circumstances, but He can empower you to get *through* them!” How does this reminder encourage us, even though we may still have to go through difficult circumstances?
- What should be our faith perspective when we pray fervently but don’t hear from God or receive answers right away like we need?
- Paul said that Jesus may not remove you from the reality of your difficult circumstances, but He can empower you to get through them. How have you seen this play out in your own life?
- “All desperate situations are temporary when you realize the power of Jesus’ resurrection.” Why should this statement bring hope to every situation?
- Who is someone you can pray for this week that God would open the door for you to help them see a perspective found in things greater than this life?

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have *hope*.”

-Romans 15:4

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### **Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?**

We’d love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village’s values is “Stories of Life Change”. Visit [tri-village.org/yourstory](http://tri-village.org/yourstory) and share how God worked.