

Disciple Makers: Jesus Heals a Sick Woman | Mark 5:25-34

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of April 28th, 2024

OVERVIEW

In Mark 5:25-34, a woman suffering from a chronic illness for twelve years reaches out to Jesus in faith. Her faith is rewarded when Jesus acknowledges her touch and declares that her faith has made her well, demonstrating his compassion and power to heal.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: What is your favorite Hawaiian island and why? **Or** How do you keep healthy?

Activity: Invite somebody new to your Ohana Group!

PRAYER

Pray: Pray for an increase of faith. Pray for faith as small as a mustard seed (Mathew 17:20).

Pray over those who are struggling with sickness. Pray for healing in Jesus' name!

QUESTIONS: MARK 5:25-34

1. Designate different parts of the narrative (narrator, Jesus, woman, disciples) to members of your Ohana Group and read the passage together.
2. How long has the women been suffering from bleeding?
3. What stands out to you about the woman's condition and her decision to seek healing from Jesus? How does the woman's act of faith, touching Jesus' garment, demonstrate her trust in his power to heal?
4. During Jesus' time, the woman was in a state of "permanent ritual impurity" (Leviticus 15:25-33). She was considered "defiled" and at risk of defiling all she touched. What kind isolation do you think she experienced in her life? What do you think motivated the woman to reach out to Jesus despite societal and religious barriers?
5. Jesus was touched by a ritually impure woman. What would be a normal reaction? How did Jesus respond and engage with the woman?
6. What kind of words would you use to describe the women's faith?
7. In verse 34, Jesus says the woman is "free from her suffering." How is she free? (consider both physical and spiritual restoration)

APPLICATION

1. Before meeting Jesus, the woman searched for many remedies and consulted many doctors for healing. How has your faith guided you through sickness? How has your faith challenged you when you were sick? Who is Jesus to you when you face sickness? Share testimony of how you experienced God's love and compassion when you were struggling with sickness.
2. In the context of discipleship, how can we support and encourage each other to reach out to Jesus with faith and trust, especially in times of sickness or struggle?

