

## Discussion group for Mark 5:21-43

Read through Mark 5:21-43

Get the group to re-tell the story to each other, with each person telling a short section and then the next person picking up where they left off. Keep going until the whole story has been re-told.

1. What are some similarities and differences between the stories of Jairus and the bleeding woman?  
(Hint: look for repeated words. It might be helpful to write these down)

The woman and child are both classed as unclean in Jewish law. Read Leviticus 15:25-28 and Numbers 19:11-13.

But Jesus *touches* both of these women and heals them.

2. What do you think it would have meant for the women?
3. What does Jesus touching and healing the women tell us about Jesus?
4. Why might Jesus have said to tell no one that he raised the girl from the dead (v 43)?

Jesus raised the little girl from the dead, but she eventually died anyway. When Jesus died and rose to life (spoiler alert), he rose to eternal life.

5. Why is it good news that Jesus has power of death?
6. How do these stories, of Jairus and the bleeding woman, shape how you could relate to brokenness in your own life or people around you?

### Prayer

Some ideas of what you could pray for...

- Pray for each other and for the brokenness in our world.
- Pray that the good news of Jesus would go out to all nations, tribes and languages.
- Praise God for the church he has raised up in Arnhem Land, for the Aboriginal leaders he has placed there.
- Pray for Aboriginal Christians and Zoe Creelman as she goes to Arnhem Land to walk with local believers, that the good news of Jesus would bring transformation to community.
- Pray that Zoe would have strong relationships in community, particularly for 2-4 women that she can encourage and get to know in the coming years.
- Pray for healing of the brokenness in our country and wisdom for our leaders.