

Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 20th June 2021

A CAST OF *Characters*

COMMON PEOPLE in the HANDS of AN UNCOMMON GOD



WORSHIP God **GROW** Together **SERVE** Others

Week 9 – JAIRUS
Luke 8:41-56

Preparation

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/8-eny67VZ-E>
2. Read the passages on the next page and reflect on the questions before meeting with the rest of the group to explore your journeys together

Group Study

- Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new

Reading:

Luke 8:41-56 New International Version – UK

⁴¹ Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house ⁴² because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. ⁴³ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ 'Who touched me?' Jesus asked.

When they all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.'

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.'

⁴⁷ Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.'

⁴⁹ While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. 'Your daughter is dead,' he said. 'Don't bother the teacher anymore.'

⁵⁰ Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, 'Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.'

⁵¹ When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵² Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. 'Stop wailing,' Jesus said. 'She is not dead but asleep.'

⁵³ They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But he took her by the hand and said, 'My child, get up!' ⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

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Questions for discussion

Reflect and share your experiences together using the following questions.

Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?

1. Is there anything from the readings or message this week that stood out to you?
2. Jairus was not afraid to show his need for Jesus. As a religious leader he was prepared to be vulnerable before Jesus and the crowd.
 - i. Why do you think that it's hard for strong people to show their vulnerability?
 - ii. Is this especially true in churches?
 - iii. How can a willingness not to be vulnerable be a weakness?
3. Do you ever feel that God is not as great as you say he is? Explain.
4. Have you ever reached a point of desperation like Jairus? How easy did you find it to show your vulnerability to others?
5. Even though he was busy what was Jesus immediate response to Jairus request for help?
 - i. Just as Jesus responded without hesitation how receptive are you when other ask for help?
 - ii. What has been your experience when you have asked for help?
6. In the light of the above question, take a moment to pause and to 1) come with repentant hearts for when we have let others down, and 2) to offer forgiveness for when we have felt let down.

Prayer

Take some time to share prayer needs, pray for one another, for the church and for our local community before finishing with the words of the grace.