

MARK

Mark Wk 16
Mk. 5:21-24

General:

- What TV show or cliffhanger do you remember having to wait for? Did the waiting make the story better or worse?
- In verse 21, even people who didn't yet fully understand who Jesus was wanted to be near Him. What is it about Jesus that draws people to Him? How much do you personally desire to be near Him?
- Mark says, "Then came" Jairus. What do you notice about the way Jairus suddenly enters and interrupts the scene? What might Mark be communicating by telling the story this way?
- Jairus was a synagogue ruler (a man of status and influence) yet he falls at Jesus' feet. Why do you think it sometimes takes a desperate situation for us to recognize how much we need Him?
- What things can give us a false sense of security until we face something they cannot solve?
- Think about a time when circumstances made you realize how little control you actually had. What did that experience reveal about where you were placing your trust?
- At the beginning of the message, Pastor Chip shared several things he hopes to be known for at the end of his life. When the things that ultimately matter become clear, what do you hope your life will have been known for?

Take Home 1: Comfort is costing many of us the blessings and miracles of God (Mk. 5:22)

- Pastor Chip emphasized that we're all desperate but don't realize it. Why can comfort make it difficult for us to recognize how deeply we need Jesus?
- Where has life become comfortable enough that you may be living with little expectation that you actually need God to move?
- Where might God already be at work that you've become too distracted, secure, or self-sufficient to see?
- What is the difference between making Jesus the center of your life and simply asking Jesus to bless the life you've already chosen?

Take Home 2: God oftentimes will allow a moment into our lives that exposes the difference between what we thought mattered and what actually matters (Mk. 5:23a)

- What things feel extremely important to you right now that might look very different in a moment of crisis?
- Have you ever gone through a difficult season that reordered your priorities? What became more important and what suddenly mattered less?
- If your calendar, spending, attention, and emotional energy reveal what matters most to you, what would they currently say you value? Is that consistent with what you say matters most?
- What has a difficult season revealed about what you truly love, fear, or depend on?

Take Home 3: Jairus wants Jesus to prevent death, but Jesus will show that He has power over death (Mk. 5:23b-24)

- How do you respond when God's timing doesn't match the urgency of your situation?
- The interruption will eventually allow Jairus to see something about Jesus he could not have seen if Jesus had simply followed his original plan. How have delays or interruptions in your own life changed or deepened your understanding of who Jesus is?
- What is the difference between trusting Jesus because you believe He can give you the outcome you want and trusting Jesus because of who He is (even when you don't know the outcome)?