**“Jesus & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” Part 1**

**April 26 & 27**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Icebreaker:** What is the longest you’ve ever had to wait in line for something? What did you wait for?

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins] **Mark 5:21-43**

Read the passage:

* What is happening in this passage?
* What do I see about God? What is God doing (or inviting us) in this passage?
* What do I see about man? What are people doing?

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. You’ve talked about waiting in line for a something but now think about waiting on God for something. Maybe you are currently waiting on God to answer a prayer.
   1. What does it feel like to wait on God?
   2. In your impatience what are some of the things you are tempted to do? How can you remind yourself to continue to wait?
2. Tom taught us some lessons that can occur as we wait. One is that it helps deepen our faith and makes it a personal yet humble pursuit.
   1. How has waiting caused you to become more humble in your pursuit of Jesus?
   2. Can we delegate waiting on God? Probably not.
3. Secondly, we learned that faith is trusting in both God’s goodness and his timing.
   1. Where have seen God’s goodness even in seasons of wait?
   2. Can you are of a time where you waited on God and the result was not what you expected but perhaps even better?
   3. How can we learn to trust God’s timing?
4. Tom also taught that God uses our wait to reveal more of Himself to us.
   1. Have you found this to be true? If so, what is it that you have learned about God?
   2. Would you say you are a more mature follower because of times of wait?
5. Ask the group - is there a “big” prayer that you are waiting on God to answer even now?
   1. Spend a few moments sharing and praying.

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Pray for the prayers that have surfaced as you all shared.