

Jesus Encounters the Broken

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Icebreaker: Marian began by sharing an early memory of attending public school. What is your earliest memory of going to school?

Scripture: Mark 5:22-34

1. What surprised you about the story as you read it now or as it was presented today.
2. What other biblical stories or texts are you reminded of as you read this story?
3. Where do you see yourself in the story? The woman? Jairus? The crowd? The disciples? Jesus? What is it that causes you to relate to this character?
4. Share a story when you might have felt outside of things. What were the circumstances? How did it make you feel?
5. Consider the woman who was ignored, almost pushed away by the crowd. Think about the 'crowd' of your life, your church, your neighbourhood, your workplace. Can you think of someone who currently may have needs like this woman? Sickness, anxiety, loneliness?
6. What are some ways that you can reach out to someone who is in the margins?
7. Faith Church seeks to be a welcoming church. For newcomers, it can be hard to come to a church where everyone appears to have connections with others.
 - a. What can you or your home church do to identify and welcome people who are new or on the fringe?
 - b. What does it mean to enfold people into the life of this church, into your life?
8. Take some time to pray specifically for the needs that you have shared as you engaged this text. Pray for each other's needs as you head into a new week.