

COMPASSION

As preached on Sunday, June 27th

Read: Mark 5:21-43

1. When you think of God, how compassionate and loving do you imagine God to be? Why?
2. Imagine that you are Jairus. Why would you go to Jesus? How would you feel as you prepared to address him? When you fell before Jesus to beg for your daughter's life? When he agreed to come with you?
3. Imagine that you are the woman from vv.25-29. Why would you go to Jesus? How would you feel as you prepared to touch his clothes? When he asked who touched him? When you fell before him? When he called you daughter? When he declared you were free from suffering?
4. How do you think Jairus felt as Jesus interacted with the woman on the way? How would you have felt knowing the delay could cost your daughter her life?
5. How do you think Jesus felt as the people mocked him when he arrived to Jairus' house?
6. Why do you think Jesus chose to heal Jairus' daughter when there were so many others he did not heal during his earthly ministry? Why does the same happen in our world today?
7. What were some of the differences between the woman and Jairus? What did the woman and Jairus have in common?
8. What can we learn from these stories about the compassion of our God? How does an assurance of God's compassion change the way we live?