

Connecting

When you were young, did your family-of-origin engage in any Halloween traditions?

What did you find helpful about this week's message? What did you find challenging?

Understanding

Read Mark 5:21-43.

What do Jairus and the woman who touched Jesus' cloak have in common? How does Jesus respond to them?

Why do you think Jesus sought out the person who touched him?

What common threads connect these two stories?

Read Mark 6:1-6. Why did Jesus perform only limited miracles in His hometown? What are the implications of this?

What insights do you gain regarding prayer and faith from these passages?

Living

God chooses to partner with humans. How does this affect the way you understand your relationship with him?

Have you ever experienced God answering prayer in an amazing way? How about a time you prayed and God *didn't* answer your prayer?

How does answered or unanswered prayer affect the way you pray?

What contributes to the growth of your faith? What causes you to struggle?

Take time to thank God that, in the end, all things will be restored, healed, and at peace.

Next Week: Mark 6:7-31