

**Session 8: Mark 5:21-6:44**

**HEALING A WOMAN AND JAIRUS'S DAUGHTER**

1. Read Mark 5:21-43. What does this account tell you about the healed woman and Jairus?
2. What is the problem with the woman touching Jesus' robe? What do the woman hope for?
3. When her activity is discovered, the woman approaches Jesus "in fear and trembling" (v.33). Why?
4. What does Jesus calling the woman "daughter" mean for her? For you?
5. How did Jesus especially put Jairus' faith to the test?

**OPPOSITION TO THE GOSPEL**

6. Have you ever met opposition to a witnessing moment? Describe the interaction briefly. How did you react? How did you feel?
7. Read Mark 6:1-6. What kind of reception did Jesus receive in His hometown, Nazareth?
8. What hindered Jesus from bring more blessings to His hometown? What can we learn from this negative example?
9. Read Mark 6:7-13. "[He] began to send them out two by two...". If you consider our discussion as to what the 12 disciples symbolized (3:14) and the emphasis of Isaiah's words in Isaiah 2:1-5 and 60:1-7, what is the significant change happening with the coming of Jesus and the reign and rule of God?

10. What was the purpose of the instructions given to the twelve disciples? How does the wisdom of these instructions apply to our own time?
  
11. What is the purpose of Jesus sending out the 12? The simple answer is found in vs 12-13. For the fuller answer consider Jesus' ministry in Mark 1.
  
12. Read Mark 6:14-29. How had John testified against Herod? How had Herod received John's testimony? What did Herod's foolishness lead him to do?
  
13. Why do you think John the Baptizer's faithfulness was not rewarded with more years of life on earth? What comfort remain for us as Christians?

### **JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND**

14. Read Mark 6:30-44. Follow Mark's construction: Jesus sends out the 12, John is put to death, and now the disciples return. What message is related by the placement of John's death?
  
15. The Feeding of the Five Thousand has much more going on than simply a miraculous feeding. What is the significance of verse 34: "he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd"?
  - A. Read Numbers 27:15-18.
  
  - B. Read Ezekiel 34:1-16.
  
  - C. Read Psalm 23.
  
16. We have discussed this before, but for the sake of review, what is central to the implementation of the eschatological reign and rule of God?
  
17. Mark's Gospel repeatedly has established that Jesus is Yahweh in the flesh. How then does this story relate to Exodus 24:9-11? And Isaiah 25:6-9?