

Oaklands Chapel

Assignment – Sunday, May 24 2009

Lesson 26 Luke 8:40-56

1. Read 8:40-56. The two main characters (Jairus and the woman) stand in contrast to each other in most ways – talk about the ways in which they are opposites (status, gender etc.). Can you see any ways in which they are similar?
2. Note the contrast between the reaction of the people at the end of the previous story (v. 37) and the reaction of the people in verse 40. Talk about what causes you to either welcome or reject the intervention of God in your life?
3. Put yourself in Jairus' sandals. Having pleaded with Jesus to come urgently how do you feel when He stops to pay attention to someone else only to hear that it is now too late to heal your daughter? What do we learn about God's timing from this? Is there a situation in your life right now where you have to trust that God's timing is best despite evidence to the contrary?
4. Look carefully at the story of the woman – what was it that healed her? Was it just the touching of Jesus' garment?
5. From what we know about Jesus, we assume that He would have known exactly which woman in the crowd had touched Him. Why do you think He asked and then waited for her to come forward?
6. Talk about the key role of faith in both stories. In what way(s) is God calling you to show faith in your life?