



Small Group Sermon Response ?'s – Week of 9/28/14
Mark 5:21-43 – “More Than Miracles”

- 6:30 to 6:45 — Meet & Greet / Conversation
 - 6:45 to 7:30 — Sermon Response Time
 - 7:30... — Smaller Groups for Accountability and Prayer

1. Compare and contrast Mark 5:21-23 with John 3:1-3, 16-21. What do we see of how a person must come to Jesus if he/she expects any meaningful change to take place? Consider Joe's question from the sermon: “What is it that would cause you to forfeit almost everything of value in your life and turn to Jesus?”
2. Dichotomy #1: Unclean vs. Clean
 - Consider how Leviticus 15:25-31 relates to this passage, and answer Joe's question: “What is it in your life that makes you feel unclean or causes you to doubt whether you can be clean?”
3. Dichotomy #2: Fear vs. Faith
 - Discuss the following questions: “What causes *you* fear, anxiety, and discouragement? How do Jesus' words to Jairus apply to you as well?” (Remember the three lies of Satan – “God does not know about your circumstances,” “God does not care about your circumstances,” and “God can not do anything about your circumstances.”)
4. Dichotomy #3: Death vs. Life
 - Consider Leviticus 21:10-12 and Numbers 19:11-13, and meditate on what we see of Jesus in Mark 5 when we keep these OT passages in mind.
5. Meditate on Joe's challenge about our “confessional theology” overlapping with our “functional theology.”
6. Evaluate this statement from the sermon: “Jesus does not want our amazement, but our affection; Jesus does not want our wonder, but our worship; Jesus does not want our fanfare, but our faith.”
7. Identify the “thread” that holds the whole passage together—the thread that will also hold us together through all the storms of life...
8. What other reflections, questions, or evaluation do you have regarding the sermon? What have you seen of God, yourself, the gospel, and/or the life of faith? What has God been teaching you in your own personal study lately?