"HOPELESS?" Walking with the Savior #3 Mark 5:21-43 March 14, 2021

When Life Seems Hopeless...

1. Disciples put their hope in Jesus. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." Mark 5:22-23

Faith recognizes there is nothing we can do to save ourselves and expresses full dependence on God's saving power:

- **Faith often requires boldness and courage.** Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. Mark 5:22
- Faith and fear are often together. Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe." Mark 5:36
- **2. Disciples must carefully watch for what Jesus is doing around us and in us.** At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹ "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'" Mark 5:30-31

Jesus is Worthy of Our Trust:

- **1. He has authority over ALL things.** He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. Mark 5:40-41
- **2. Jesus cares about you!** He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." Mark 5:34

THE JOURNEY DEVOTIONAL March 14th, 2021 Week Discussion Questions from the Sermon

- 1. What was something you read in the weekly Scripture readings or heard in the sermon that made an impact on you? Explain.
- 2. Read Mark 5:21-43 slowly. What questions come to mind? What do you learn about Jesus? What do you learn about being a disciple?
- 3. Share a time when you felt hopeless. What were the circumstances? How do you deal with feelings of hopelessness? What helped you deal with those emotions?
- 4. In the sermon we talked about faith as it connected with the story of the woman and Jairus. What does this passage teach about faith?
- 5. In the sermon we talked about Jesus having authority in all things. How does this reality bring encouragement? How does this truth bring challenge to our walk with Jesus?
- 6. Read through the passage to respond to this question: What are the examples that Jesus cares about people?
- 7. How can you apply this passage to your life this week?

Weekly Bible Memory Verse: He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." Mark 5:34

Bible Readings: Reading these passages of Scripture will help you become like Jesus in how you think and what you do, in addition to preparing you for next week's sermon. Remember to read these passages slowly, allowing the Lord to speak to your heart and mind:

Monday – Matthew 11:1-19 Tuesday – John 6:25-71 Wednesday – Luke 22:7-38 Thursday – John 19:17-30 Friday – John 8:1-11 Saturday – John 11:1-44 Sunday – Matthew 11:1-19