

Women Who Encountered Jesus – Week 3

Physical *suffering*, emotional *hurt*, *grief*, *loneliness*, *isolation*, and *waiting* for an answer from God are all components of *PAIN*, as pain can take many forms. Mental, physical, *and* spiritual agony place us in a position that is perhaps *low*, wherein all we desire to experience is a touch from the Healer, who is Christ. Have you been at a place in your life, either wrestling with *faith*, wondering if Christ will heal, *or* maybe you are living solidly *in* your faith, *fully believing* that even an encounter with Christ's fringe has the power to heal?

This leads us to take notice of one of the most beautiful encounters found in Scripture. The reason this is a *stunning* experience coming from Christ to this individual, is because *first*, Jesus calls her “daughter”, in verse 34, and *second*, He restores her *publicly and personally*.

Person: *The Woman Who Reached for Jesus: When Jesus Meets us in Suffering*

Scripture: *Mark 5:25-34*

Big Idea: *Jesus sees people whom others overlook and responds to faith with compassion.*

Ice-Breaker Question: *What does suffering tend to make us believe about God?*

Discussion Questions

- 1) What had this woman endured?
- 2) Why might she have approached Jesus secretly?
- 3) What does her action reveal about her faith?
- 4) Why do you think Jesus stopped?
- 5) What does Jesus calling her “Daughter” communicate?
- 6) How does suffering affect our view of God?
- 7) What does this passage teach us about compassion?
- 8) How can we minister to people who feel overlooked?

Activity (Complete this)

“Who is someone in our church or community who might feel unseen?”

BRAINSTORM practical ways this group can reach out.

Weekly Challenge:

Notice someone who might otherwise go unnoticed.

***SPEAK** to them.*

***ENCOURAGE** them.*

***PRAY** with them.*