



GROUP DISCUSSION

- ❑ **CONFIDENTIALITY** | What's said in the group stays in the group.
- ❑ **NO CROSS-TALK** | Be considerate of others as they share. Refrain from side conversations and texting during group time.
- ❑ **NO FIXING** | We are not in the group to fix each other. Jesus does that part.
- ❑ **SHARING** | Be sensitive to the amount of time you share. Don't talk too much or too little. Every person brings something valuable to the group.



INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

SO MUCH WAITING

We spend so much of our time waiting. We wait for Christmas morning. We wait for the waiter to bring us our meal. We wait for graduation. We count the days until our wedding day. We wait for a loved one to get better. We wait for things to get back to normal.

Jesus gives us hope and help when we wait and even when we suffer. We can trust in His perfect timing and find faith to believe He works everything in our lives for our good and His glory. This week your group will discuss a time when Jesus encountered two people who found hope and help in God's perfect timing.

Q: *What makes waiting so difficult for us?*



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Select 2–3 questions to discuss as a group.

JESUS RESPONDS TO AN INTERRUPTION

Jesus was a busy man. During His earthly ministry He traveled the countryside from town to town, teaching and healing. With so much work to do and large crowds following Him everywhere He went, another interruption would seem to be unwelcome. But one day Jesus was interrupted by a ruler named Jairus. Let's look at what happened.

Q: Have a volunteer read Luke 8:40-56. After the story is read, split into pairs and retell the story in your own words.

Q: How do the actions of the woman and Jairus reveal their bold faith?



REFLECTION AND NEXT STEPS

Select 2–3 questions from this section to answer.

HOPE AND HELP IN THE WAITING

Crazy faith gives us hope and help to trust in God's perfect timing. Jesus didn't just come to save us and take us to heaven. He came to live among us in the suffering and waiting we all experience in life.

Do you find yourself waiting for something or someone? Are you in the midst of difficulty and need hope and help? If yes, then remember these four truths:

- *Jesus's timing is perfect.* Nothing surprises God. He sees and controls all, which means He understands how different events connect to one another. He has a purpose in the timing of events and circumstances, and all we can do is trust His perfect timing.
- *His touch heals.* Jesus showed compassion to the woman and Jairus. They were two people from very different backgrounds, one poor and powerless and the other rich and influential. Jesus has love and compassion for all who come to Him.
- *His Word has power.* Jesus commanded Jairus's daughter to rise and that was all it took. Jesus, the Word

of God, gives life. When we allow Him to speak His Word into our lives, it transforms us.

- *His work is total.* Jesus cares for our bodies, minds and souls. He does His work to heal us from the inside out. He can and does heal physically, but the greatest miracle He does is to make hard hearts soft, to turn people away from sin and toward Himself.

👉: *Think of a phrase that will remind you that God sees and controls everything in your life.*

👉: *What are some practical ways you can share Jesus's love and compassion with others??*

👉: *Jesus cares for each part of us. Where do you need Jesus's care the most right now?*



PRAY

Begin by praising God that He sees and controls everything in your life. Ask Him to reveal areas in your life that need His healing touch. Pray for crazy faith to believe in His powerful Word and perfect timing.