

In Mark 5:21-43 the stories of Jairus's daughter and a hemorrhaging woman are joined together. This means they're meant to be read together and we, the readers, are invited to interpret them in light of each other.

1. Mark uses the word 'boat' eighteen times in this Gospel, three times in this chapter alone. 'Boat' is often used as an image for the church. What lesson/s do you imagine the disciples learning in the 'boat' with Jesus?

2. In this chapter one story seems to tumble upon another. In this case, two stories intertwine. Why do you suppose the author does this? In what way do you suppose this describes life in the church?

When a healing story appears in multiple gospels, the gospels will often highlight different aspects of it.

3. Read Matthew 9:18-26 and Luke 8:40-56. What differences do you notice between these different accounts?

4. What could be the reasons or intentions for these differences?

When someone is named in a Gospel account, it means the reader share familiarity.

5. Jairus is named here as one of the leaders of the synagogue. What about Jesus' response to Jairus seems expected, or what seems unusual to you?

### Questions for families with children:

1. In this story there is a big crowd of people around Jesus. Why do you think so many people wished to see him?
2. If he was in your neighborhood, would you go see Jesus? What might you ask him to do for you or a member of your family?

### Weekly Bible Readings:

Feb. 17 – Hosea 2:21-23 (read in worship on Sunday)

Feb. 18 - Mark 8:27-30

Feb. 19 - Mark 8:31-33

Feb. 20 - Mark 8:34-9:1

Feb. 21 - Mark 9:2-8

Feb. 22 - Mark 9:9-13

**Passage for Sunday, February 23:** Mark 6:1-6