

## **Discussion Questions - 5/21/23**

### Hanging by a Thread - Mark 5

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific, in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions about this text:

- What is Mark trying to teach us about the person of Jesus from the calming of the storm (Mk. 4:35-40) to the raising of the little girl (Mk. 5:21-42)?
- What are the differences between Jairus and the unnamed woman in the chapter?
  - What are the similarities and differences between the unnamed woman and the little girl in the chapter?
  - What is the significance of these differences in understanding in how God's kingdom works?
- Who is the model of faith in Mark 5? What is surprising about this?
  - How does shame shape people's spiritual lives?
  - What does Jesus do to address the problem of shame in the passage? How does this give us hope today?
- How has Jesus addressed your deepest struggles? In what ways have you seen his saving power in your life?
- What kind of community is the church called to be in the world? What makes this different from other communities?