

Jesus is Bigger than Death

Mark 5:21-43

Ice Breaker: What are some of the emotions that you've felt at memorial services? Did you feel grief? Hope? Inspiration? Describe what you felt and why?

Big Idea: Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from the dead to declare to the world that He is bigger than death. There is a day coming when He will return to this earth and shout, "Talitha koum! Child, rise up!" On that day, every one of His sons and daughters who has died in Him will be raised from the dead – to live forever on the New Earth that He Himself will set to rights.

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Read Mark 5:21-35. What happened to Jairus' daughter on the way to his house? If you were Jairus, what would you have been thinking when you got the news that your daughter had died? Would you have continued to "trouble" Jesus? Why or why not?
- 2) Read Mark 5:36. Why does Jesus interrupt this news update to speak to Jairus? What was Jairus risking (as an upstanding religious leader in his community) by trusting that Jesus could actually overturn his daughter's death? How would you have responded?
- 3) Read Mark 5:37-40a. Describe the emotional scene when Jesus first arrives at Jairus' house. What's their response after Jesus tells them the girl is just sleeping? How would you have responded if you were part of this crowd that heard Jesus make this claim?
- 4) Read Mark 5:40-43. What does this scene reveal about the authority and power of Jesus? Pastor Joshua made the statement that Jesus didn't raise this little girl from the dead so she could live forever on this fallen world – because at some point, she died again. So then why do you think Jesus raised her from the dead?
- 5) What does this story of Jesus' authority over death mean for our loved ones who have died in the Lord? How should this story inform and inspire the way we approach death? How would we live (and think) differently if we really trusted 100% that Jesus is bigger than death?
- 6) Spend some time praying for each other that you would live in this reality that Jesus is bigger than death.