

Your story matters.



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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: What's one way that someone has blown past your preconceived notions of them this week?

- **1.** When you have a need that feels urgent to you, how does that affect your perception of Jesus' timing? (Read <u>Luke 8:40-46</u>.)
- 2. We know that other people in our lives have needs, just as others in the crowd around Jesus had needs, all of which feel urgent. What are some ways that you can avoid tunnel vision? (Read Mark 5:24-26)
- **3.** Pastor Tom described the "If only..." scenario and its destructive results. How can we live with confidence in Jesus' timing in our lives? (Read Luke 8:49.)
- 4. Amid loss, pain, confusion, anguish, suffering and death, Jesus always has the final word. What are some things that you need to trust Jesus' final word upon? (Read <u>Luke 8:50-56</u>)

Day One: Luke 12

Day Two: Luke 13

Day Three: Luke 14

Day Four: Luke 15

Day Five: Luke 16

PERSONAL GUIDE





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What did He do in people's lives?

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What does this encounter that Jairus and his family had with Jesus reveal to us when we want God to *hurry up* in our lives and not be <u>distracted</u> from our needs and concerns?

1. Our Needs are not the Only Needs

When we have a pressing problem and an overwhelming need in our lives, we tend to get <u>tunnel vision</u>...

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Everyone else's needs would've appeared to be minor, <u>trivial</u>, and unimportant.

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...no matter how great our <u>need</u> or problem seems to us, God is also working in other people's lives...at the same time (sometimes in more <u>visible</u> ways than in our lives!).

2. Jesus is Never Late (note Luke 8:49)

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