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The story of the woman is sandwiched inside the story of Jairus and his daughter.

- Compare and contrast Jairus and the woman
- What do you notice about how Jesus interacts with each of them?

Consider the story of the bleeding woman.

- What do you think her life was like for the past 12 years?
- Why did she come to Jesus in the way that she did?
- Why did Jesus stop and make her healing and story public?
- How does Jesus treat the woman? What is significant in his actions?

Consider the story of Jairus' daughter.

- What is significant about a synagogue ruler coming to Jesus for help?
- How do you think Jairus felt while Jesus stopped for the bleeding woman? What might he have been thinking?
- How might have Jairus felt when he heard Jesus say that his dead daughter was sleeping?
- Why do you think Jesus only took the parents and three disciples in to see the healing? How might it relate to the parables in Mk 4?
- What does this miracle teach us about Jesus?

Consider the story of Jesus in his hometown.

- What personal details do we learn about Jesus? Why do they matter?
- Why do the people in his hometown not accept Jesus?
- How do you see a similar dynamic play out today where people who "already know about" Jesus are hard-hearted toward the gospel?
- Why couldn't Jesus perform miracles in this context?

Consider the role of faith and fear.

- How do faith and fear play out in each of these three stories?
- What do these stories teach us about the nature of faith?

Consider your own story.

- Is there a place in your own life where you are caught between faith and fear? What is it?
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