

Luke 8:40-56



Choose one or two from each section

The text – Luke 8:40-56

1. Retell the events as though you are Jairus. What are your thoughts and feelings along the way?
2. Retell the events as though you are the woman who was bleeding. What are your thoughts and feelings along the way?
3. What insights do you get into Jesus' priorities and concerns in this passage?
4. How does Peter fit in this story? How do you think he understood what was happening?

The Scriptures – Luke 8:40-56 as a portion of the Scriptures

5. How do the laws of Leviticus 15:1–33 and Numbers 19:11–13 connect with the events in Luke 8?
6. In what ways is Jesus like Elijah or Elisha in this passage?
7. Consider the ten points about healing below. What ones stand out to you? What's missing?
 - i. Jesus wanted his healings kept silent since they had the capacity to distract people.*
 - ii. Jesus did not heal everyone in ancient Palestine.*
 - iii. Jesus' miracles are pointers to his identity not promises of universal healing.*
 - iv. Jesus' miracles are pointers to the new creation that hasn't fully arrived.*
 - v. We need to have faith in the miracles recorded for us rather than wanting more and more.*
 - vi. The early followers of Jesus healed and cared for the sick but they gave significant attention to Jesus's death and the forgiveness of sins.*
 - vii. The apostle Paul prayed for healing and God did not give it to him.*
 - viii. God's presence and strength can sometimes be experienced in the way he makes us joyful and persevering even when we're sick.*
 - ix. Today there seem to be more reports of miracles in countries with limited medical services.*
 - x. God can be present to heal in the ice packs, bandages, ointments and tablets, rest, cuddles, empathy and acceptance all of which sit within his patterned, orderly, peopled creation.*

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 8:40-56 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. Are there matters of physical health in your life where you would like to see the Lord's work?
9. Do you feel hopeless in some dimensions of your life? What would it mean to be a person of hope in this situation? Pray Romans 15:13 for yourself and the members of your group.
10. How is the presence of God real in your life?