

HE IS OUR HOPE
Matthew 9:18-36

1. As a child, what was the greatest present you ever received?

2. As a child, what was the present you desperately wanted but never received?

3. Matthew 9:18-26 and Mark 5:21-43 are the same events and as you can see, Mark's account is strikingly longer. Compare and contrast their accounts.

SIMILARITIES

DIFFERENCES

4. What information in Mark's account helps you to understand the Dad and Woman?

Quaker Questions:

Dad's: The man's daughter was very ill and dying. Beset with grief, loss and desperation he searches for help. As a Dad, would you explain what it feels like or what you have done when someone or something is hurting or threatening your child?

Women: To help you understand the plight of women in her condition read Leviticus 15:19-31. She has been singled out as "unclean", "contaminated", "unwanted" for 12 years. If you be willing, explain the shame you would feel to be called unclean?

5. As we read these miracle events in Matthew and Mark, it feels like everyone was healed. This does not seem true today. What does this say about us and our faith?

6. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 is Paul's confession that he asked for healing and healing was not granted to him. Instead, God's grace sustained him for the rest of his life. What do you like and dislike about the Lord's answer to his request?

7. The girl being raised from the dead is a demonstration of our hope when one day, Jesus will raise and transform this body to be like His own glorious body, Phil 3:20ff. Jesus speaks multiple times about the "last day" or "on that day" in the book of John. Read the following passages: John 5:24-30

John 6:37-40

John 11:21-27

John 14:1-7

1) What do you learn about that day? 2) How would you describe your readiness for that day? 3) How should this resurrection reality change how we live life today?