



# Sermon Growth Guide

**July 13, 2025**

**There is Kindness**

**Luke 8:40-56**

**Key Verse:** Luke 8:40-56 - “Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.”

**Big Idea:** Jesus took the time to listen to this woman’s story and celebrate her healing with her.

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## Foundations

This passage describes two individuals desperately in need of Jesus to change their circumstances. It also reveals the kindness of Jesus in His response to them.

First, we’re told of a woman who “had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors” (Mark 5:26) for 12 years yet was worse after spending all she had.

Despite the press of the crowd around Him and the need of one who’d already asked His help, Jesus paused what he was doing long enough to listen to this woman’s story. His response reminds us that Jesus wants to hear our story as well. And it encourages us to pause long enough to listen to the stories of others.

We also read of Jairus, who learned of his daughter’s death while waiting for Jesus to come help her. Though the story has a happy ending when Jesus restored the girl to life, it also speaks to all who are only partway through our stories, wondering why God is seemingly taking His time in responding to what feel to us like important needs.

## Understanding God’s Word

Together, read Luke 8:40-56. Then read Leviticus 15:25.

Given what we’re told of this woman’s situation, how would you assess her state of mind as she approached Jesus? How did what she hoped to receive from Jesus compare to her actual experience?

How would you describe Jairus’ roller-coaster experience in this story?

What observations about Jesus can we make from these two encounters?

## Applying God’s Word

When you’re not doing well, what can make it hard for you to share this with others? With how many in your life would you say you could comfortably share your struggles?

How do you handle moments of praying for something and not seeing a similar urgency in God’s response to what you’re feeling?

## Witnessing God’s Word

Who around you this week needs to experience the kindness of Jesus through you?