

Community Group Discussion Questions

“EM Vision, Part One”

Luke 8:40-56

Sermon Series Title: “EM Vision”

Sermon Series Summary: To start off 2023, we are going to look at our vision and remember the foundation and goal for everything we do.

Summary: In our passage, we see two stories of miraculous healings of Jesus. But they are intertwined in different ways to show us the depth, the beauty, and the wisdom of the love of God. This shows us that Christ’s love and healing cross age, social, religious, and gender lines, ultimately fulfilled in the cross. The question is are we humble enough to go to Him and to receive Him as our Savior and Lord?

Sermon Points:

1. The Hurting
2. The Healing
3. The Healer

Main Idea: *“We have a great need in our sin. We have a great answer in our Savior.”*

Opening Question

1. What is the EM Vision? What does it mean for you?

(EM Vision (where we want to go): the richness of the gospel manifested in the hearts and minds of God’s people

This is where we want to go. How we get there is through our mission, which is the Great Commission- Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Spirit, teaching them all that I have commanded you.

Our vision means that the gospel is why we exist as a church. It is the foundation and goal for all our programs. We desire to grow in it with our minds, hearts, and lives. We want to live it out. We want our families to get it. We want our communities to discover it. It’s all about Christ.)

We are starting the year off, looking at our EM vision for two weeks. This vision is where we want to go and the foundation for all that we do. We’ll first look at the gospel by looking at Luke 8.

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Right before our passage, we see Jesus calming a great storm and casting mighty demons from a naked possessed man, living in the tombs. Through these miracles, we see Jesus' power. Through our passage today, we see His compassion.

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2. How can we relate to the characters in this story?

(Jairus is a Jewish leader. He is the director of worship for the synagogue. He is successful, wealthy, and respected in the community. The bleeding woman is a poor, social outcast. She was not allowed in the community, as she was not allowed to touch anyone and wasn't able to allow other people to touch her. She couldn't have gotten married or was divorced because of this disease. She spent all her living on cures and healings, but none of them worked.

Both of them fall at the feet of Jesus. Jairus is desperate for a cure for his dying daughter. No other cure has worked, so he is helpless before Jesus. Jesus is His only hope. In the same way, Jesus is the only hope for the bleeding woman. She spent her life trying to find a cure to no avail.

Through Jairus and this bleeding woman, we see a spectrum of all people, and we may find ourselves in this spectrum. Not only that, we are desperate for Jesus in our sin. There is no other hope for a cure and healing. We need Him.)

3. What does this story show us about the healing of Christ? The providence of God? How does this encourage you?

(For the bleeding woman, we see that Jesus heals her. Not only that, He restores her relationally and socially. He shows everyone that she is healed, and she can enter back into society. He affirms her relationship with God as He calls her "daughter." Jesus' healing for us includes the spiritual, social, and relational.

For Jairus' daughter, he has Jairus wait. He interacts with people in between his going and his healing. He could have just healed the daughter by the power of His word, but He personally goes and gets side-tracked, on purpose. She dies, but He resurrects her- which displays His glory more than just a healing. He touches the dead, and her family witnesses this miracle.

Jesus can heal the unclean by becoming unclean on the cross for them. Jesus can heal the outcast by becoming the outcast to bring them in. He can heal the bleeding,

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because He bled on the cross for them. He can resurrect the dead, because He died for them.

We know that our healing in Christ will be full and complete one day. Our salvation will encompass spiritual, social, relational, physical healing. He will restore us to the Father and to one another. We become children of God, and He raises us from the dead in our hearts. Also, there are times when God calls us to wait in hope. He doesn't answer our prayers right away, and it may seem like circumstances are going in the opposite direction. But Christ continues to call us to wait on Him and to trust in His timing. We can be assured that God will bring a more glorious purpose through our waiting even if we don't see it on this side of eternity.)

Final Thoughts: *Our ultimate need is the sin in our hearts. Jesus is the only one who can heal us and meet our need for a Savior. Our past or present circumstances do not disqualify us from the grace of God. He meets us and restores us. He brings our dead hearts to life. And in His time, He makes all things right and new. This is all through His death and resurrection. Have we fallen at His feet and trusted in Him?*