**Elder Berry Ross May 30, 2021**

**No Ordinary Touch**

Mark 5:21-34

**Key Truth:** Even thoughlife can be very hectic, leaving us void of the realization of someone in dire need. Jesus realizes our need and He is there when we sincerely call upon Him.

1. Jesus is available to fill us when we are empty.

 A. Who can you call upon when things are looking bleak?

 B. What was your response when everything you tried failed?

2. Desperate times calls for desperate measures.

 A. We must dare to be bold.

 B. Jesus responds to undeniable faith.

 C. Jesus can respond with a spectacular miracle.

3. Things we can do when the Lord calms our storms**.**

 A. Acknowledge the Lord.

 B. Thank the Lord.

 C. Praise the Lord.

 D. Worship the Lord.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** We all have a story of desperation that ended in Jesus hearing and helping us. Reflect on what Jesus has done both for and to you. Then glorify God by sharing your story with someone else.

**CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Think back to the time you first began following Christ. Would you say your faith was strong or weak? Explain.

How has your faith grown since then? What is an experience that helped strengthen your faith?

Do you expect your faith to grow even stronger as you get older? How do you think that will happen?

Read Mark 5:21-29: What was the root of the woman’s suffering? Other than her physical sickness, in what ways did she likely suffer?

Why do you think the woman approached Jesus from behind? What might she have feared? What did the woman believe to be true about Jesus?

What made Jesus approachable? Why would the woman look to Jesus as someone who would help?

Read Hebrews 11:6: What did Jesus say had healed this woman?

Why did Jesus stop to talk to the woman? What was His purpose for talking to the woman?

Read John 20:29-31: Do you think it would be easier to have faith if you had walked with Jesus during His earthly ministry? Explain.

In what way are those who believe without seeing blessed differently than those who did get to see? How does verse 31 help answer that question?

How can you be purposeful about meeting a need in someone’s life this week?