

THE STORM BEFORE THE CALM
Week 6: “My Child, Get Up!”
May 24th, 2020

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God’s Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God’s Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of life.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

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| ~Safe Group | ~Silence | ~Sharing |
| ~Confidentiality | ~No Cross Talk | ~Self-Aware |
| ~Listen | ~No Fixing | ~”I” Statements |
| ~Pause | ~No Rescuing | ~Handle Conflict
Biblically |

“GETTING TO KNOW YOU”

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

Do you have any Memorial Day traditions? Have you had to adapt those traditions for Memorial Day 2020? If so, how?

INTRODUCTION

It might seem hard to believe that Memorial Weekend is here but it is! Memorial Day is a time to remember, to honor and celebrate not only the military but also people we love. This year it seems to carry with it the added weight of loss during the pandemic. Death seems to be a topic at the forefront of many conversations in this season.

This week we continue our series looking at the words of Jesus as we address these struggles. Our message is entitled ***My Child, Get Up!*** Our story comes from Luke 8:40-56. Listen to the encounter Jesus has with a father who reaches out to Jesus to help his daughter.

Bible Storytelling: Luke 8:40-56

- Tell the Story: This week's story will be told by one of our group members.
- Examine the Story: Looking at Luke 8:40-56 in your Bible, what did the storyteller add or omit in their retelling? Does anything else stand out to you?
- Read the story: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

- **Why do you think Jairus went to Jesus in the first place?**
- **What obstacles did Jairus have to overcome, in his own mind and in the culture, to invite Jesus into his situation?**
- **Jesus speaks directly to the woman in verse 48, and to the little girl in verse 54. What might His words tell us about how He responds to those who are sick or suffering?**
- **Take time in your group this week to share about someone you love who has died. How has Jesus helped you deal with the grief and loss? How might you allow Him to comfort and encourage you now?**
- **Close your time this week by praying for each other, for all the families who have lost loved ones to the Coronavirus, for the sick and suffering, and for those who care for them.**
- ***CLOSING PRAYER***-Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.

****Be sure someone is selected to tell next week's story...Matthew 5:13-16***