

**Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?**

**Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).**

**If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.**

**We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.**

**Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?**

**Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.**

**OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO GOOD NEIGHBORING**  
**Mark 5:21-43**

**Main Thought:** We need to overcome barriers to help our neighbors meet the One who gives life.

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ WOMAN AND A \_\_\_\_\_ GIRL (Mark 5:21-43)

2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 5:21-43)

1) Keep the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_

3) Be \_\_\_\_\_

3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ (Numbers 13)

1) \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_

2) But exercise \_\_\_\_\_

4. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 22:37-39)

1) \_\_\_\_\_ verses \_\_\_\_\_ motives

2) We are called to love our neighbors \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in return.

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Make a list of five good excuses you could use to avoid engaging with our immediate neighbors.

2. Read Mark 5 and 10:13-52. What do you notice about Jesus ministry? Was it often planned ahead of time or was he interrupted on the way to somewhere else? What examples to you see in these chapters?

3. In Mark 5:21-43, two people interrupt Jesus. Who are they and what concerns to they have?

4. What impressions to you get of the sick woman?

5. The illness made her ceremonially unclean and unable to have contact with other people. What do you think it took for her to touch Jesus? Why do you think Jesus made her reveal herself? How was her faith obvious to Jesus? In what ways was she healed?

6. What impressions do you get of Jairus? How is his situation similar or different to that of the sick woman?

7. What is Jesus' reaction to the news that the child is dead? Jairus reaction? Why did Jesus say the child was asleep? If you were Jairus, what would you say to the crowd after Jesus left?

8. What do you need to do to put more margin in your life so you can be interruptible?

9. What's the main message from this passage that we ultimately want our neighbors to know about Jesus?

10. Read Numbers 13. What fears kept the Israelites from doing God's will in this passage?

11. What fears keep you from connecting with your neighbors? Are they realistic fears? What can you do to overcome them?

12. How could our motives become a barrier in connecting with our neighbors? Pastor Mark talked about ulterior motives and ultimate motives? What's the difference?

13. What barrier will you ask God to help you overcome this week as you seek to love your immediate neighbors?

14. How are coming on learning the names of your immediate neighbors?