

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND
'Sharing Christ through friendship' - SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Wk/beg 28 June 2015. Bible passage: Mark 5:21-43

Demonstrating the Kingdom – Jesus' power to heal

Welcome/ icebreaker	There is a saying, <i>The pen is mightier than the sword</i> . How is that possible? Share thoughts about different types of power.
Worship	<p>Either choose songs/hymns that focus on the Jesus as healer -suggestions: Be still and know that I am God, My Jesus my Saviour Praise my soul the king of heaven, For this purpose Christ was revealed.</p> <p>OR choose a visual focus – a cross reminding us that nothing can destroy the power of the cross – the salvation or healing that Jesus made possible by his death. Play When I survey the wondrous cross, or I cannot tell, or other music as you reflect on the power of the cross for healing. Respond in praise and worship either silently or aloud.</p>
Word (refs.↓)	<p style="text-align: center;">NB Sermon available to listen to on www.stbchurch.org.uk (click on the 'downloads' tab).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice that there is more than one dimension to healing: spiritual and physical. The word “<i>salvation</i>” means “<i>healing</i>”. Read Luke19:v10. The reason Jesus came was to bring salvation/healing/wholeness.
Mark 5:21-43 27,28 V34 V31-34	<p>Two stories are interwoven here. What are they and what do Jairus and the woman who had suffered bleeding have in common?</p> <p>Why do you think the woman approached Jesus secretly?</p> <p>How might the marginalised or those outside church fellowship today feel about approaching Jesus or coming into a church?</p> <p>What is Jesus response to the woman? Notice that he calls her ”<i>daughter</i>” (indicating her new relationship with him as a result of her faith in him) and offers her peace before he adds the bit about physical healing. What does that suggest about what Jesus thinks is the more important healing?</p> <p>Jesus gives the woman the opportunity to tell her story. How might that have helped others over the years? Do we tell our stories when given the opportunity?</p>
Opportunity	You may like to take this opportunity to tell your story of healing/salvation – or part of it – to encourage your group or someone else now, or later this week.
V36	Jairus must have been afraid and confused as he heard news of his daughter's death. Jesus said, “Don't be afraid, just trust me”. The outcome here was wonderful – his daughter was raised to life. Might those words apply and help us today in other situations where the outcome might not always be what we would like?
Reflect ...	Read Phil 4:4-7v 21-22 aloud. Take time to receive afresh the healing peace of Jesus. Invite the Holy Spirit to come, lead and inspire this time of prayer and ministry to each other.