

Weekend message Small group study

- complementing the sermon given at St. Paul on **6/27/15 – 6/28/15**
- a meeting agenda organized per St. Paul core values
- estimated for a 90-minute meeting

Equipping “the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”—Eph. 4:12

Below is a tool to help delegate the leading/facilitating of meeting components between different small group members.

	Prayer (p.3)	Outreach (p.3)	Word of God (p.3)	Equipping (p. 4)	Worship - Our Redemption Response - (p.2)
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Introduction

Mark 5:21-43 (MSG):

²¹⁻²⁴ After Jesus crossed over by boat, a large crowd met him at the seaside. One of the meeting-place leaders named Jairus came. When he saw Jesus, he fell to his knees, beside himself as he begged, ‘My dear daughter is at death’s door. Come and lay hands on her so she will get well and live.’ Jesus went with him, the whole crowd tagging along, pushing and jostling him.

²⁵⁻²⁹ A woman who had suffered a condition of hemorrhaging for twelve years—a long succession of physicians had treated her, and treated her badly, taking all her money and leaving her worse off than before—had heard about Jesus. She slipped in from behind and touched his robe. She was thinking to herself, ‘If I can put a finger on his robe, I can get well.’ The moment she did it, the flow of blood dried up. She could feel the change and knew her plague was over and done with.

³⁰ At the same moment, Jesus felt energy discharging from him. He turned around to the crowd and asked, ‘Who touched my robe?’

³¹ His disciples said, ‘What are you talking about? With this crowd pushing and jostling you, you’re asking, “Who touched me?” Dozens have touched you!’

³²⁻³³ But he went on asking, looking around to see who had done it. The woman, knowing what had happened, knowing she was the one, stepped up in fear and trembling, knelt before him, and gave him the whole story.

³⁴ Jesus said to her, 'Daughter, you took a risk of faith, and now you're healed and whole. Live well, live blessed! Be healed of your plague.'

³⁵ While he was still talking, some people came from the leader's house and told him, 'Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher any more?'

³⁶ Jesus overheard what they were talking about and said to the leader, 'Don't listen to them; just trust me.'

³⁷⁻⁴⁰ He permitted no one to go in with him except Peter, James, and John. They entered the leader's house and pushed their way through the gossips looking for a story and neighbors bringing in casseroles. Jesus was abrupt: 'Why all this busybody grief and gossip? This child isn't dead; she's sleeping.' Provoked to sarcasm, they told him he didn't know what he was talking about.

⁴⁰⁻⁴³ But when he had sent them all out, he took the child's father and mother, along with his companions, and entered the child's room. He clasped the girl's hand and said, 'Talitha koum,' which means, 'Little girl, get up.' At that, she was up and walking around! This girl was twelve years of age. They, of course, were all beside themselves with joy. He gave them strict orders that no one was to know what had taken place in that room. Then he said, 'Give her something to eat.'"

Worship – Our Redemption Response

5 minutes

Take turns reading through the following—from Psalm 30 (ESV):

¹ I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

² **O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

³ O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

⁴ **Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶ **As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**

⁷ By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸ **To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**

⁹ "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

¹⁰ **Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!"**

¹¹ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

¹² **that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

ALL: Amen.

Word of God

45 minutes

1. How did you SEE God at work in your life this week?
2. What has God been teaching you in HIS WORD?
3. **Review Mark 5:21-43** (found in the introduction). When have you seen the actual, physical healing of Jesus?
4. What did/does such healing do for you, whether you were/are the recipient or a witness of Jesus' healing?
5. What does it mean to be healed by Jesus?
6. How might we (you) like to be healed by Jesus? Relief from addictions? Physical healing? Mental healing? Healing of relationships? Healing of brokenness? Healing of loneliness? Etc.
7. How can we pray for one another concerning these matters?

Outreach

15 minutes

How may God use you this week (maybe today) to pray for healing for another, especially one who does not yet know Jesus as his/her Lord and Savior?

Prayer

20 minutes

Share a prayer request based on what was discussed during this meeting's *Word of God* and/or *Outreach* time. What is that next step in your faith life God is calling you to make? What convicted you from God's Word and/or our discussion of His Word? Please also share a way in which the group may support/encourage you regarding what you've shared. Of course other important matters can be prayed about as well. After all have shared, pray for the person on your left (whether aloud or silently). Pray together in popcorn style (as opposed to going in order around a circle.)

Equipping *for coordinating next week's meeting...*

5 minutes

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