Growth group questions

***Relate***

Can you think of a time when you came to God out of desperation and your faith grew as you witnessed God provide?

If your group is comfortable with it, maybe watch together as a group The Chosen Season 3 Episode 5 where these two stories are portrayed beginning at the 27 min point in the video. Make sure and preview before showing it to your group.

***Reflect***

1. Read Luke 8:40-42a and consider this man, Jairus and his sad plight. How does Luke describe Jairus and what he does when he approaches Jesus? How is this significant?

2. Consider Jesus’ statement in v.48. Where did the woman’s faith come from? Was it something she conjured up on her own? Consider Romans 10:14-17; Discuss what Hebrews 11:1-6 and Hebrews 12:1-2 teach about faith.

3. How was the announcement in v.49 a challenge to Jairus’ faith on a whole greater level? See Hebrews 11:17-19. Could Jairus have reacted in anger at the delay as Jesus dealt with the woman? Why didn’t Jesus rush to help Jairus knowing the girl was going to die? Consider a similar situation with Lazarus in John 11:17-27.

5. What does Jesus’ delay in helping Jairus teach us about the timing of God’s program in the development of our faith? Read Hebrews 11:39-40

6. Try to picture being in the room in v.53 -56. Describe how you may have felt.

***Respond***

How will pondering and personalizing this passage change how you live your life today and moving forward?

What challenges to your faith are you experiencing right now? How can this study help you to better understand what God is accomplishing in your life through it?

We only seem to grow significantly in faith when our resources are exhausted. Why is it so hard to grow in faith otherwise?