

Feeling the Press

When have you been in a crowd?

Read Luke 8:40-56.

1. Why did the crowd on the other side of the lake welcome Jesus?
 - A. They were Jews, not Gentiles.
 - B. They were curious.
 - C. They hoped Jesus would do more healings.
 - D. They hoped Jesus would do more teaching/preaching.
 - E. They yearned for Jesus to be the Messiah.
 - F. Jesus hadn't destroyed 2,000 of their pigs (Mark 5:13).
 - G. Jairus, the synagogue leader, needed a special healing at his house.
 - H. Jesus was their homeboy.
 - I. Other.

2. Why did Jesus go with Jairus to heal his daughter?
 - A. Jairus asked him.
 - B. Jesus wanted to get away from the crowd.
 - C. Jesus had nothing else to do.
 - D. Jairus acted desperately, begging Jesus to come heal his daughter.
 - E. Jairus was an important and influential Jewish leader.
 - F. The disciples encouraged Jesus to go do it.
 - G. God the Father had informed Jesus this would happen that day.
 - H. Nobody else could heal her.
 - I. Other.

3. What best describes the woman who touched Christ's garment?
 - A. She made her move when nobody in the crowd would notice.
 - B. She was desperate.
 - C. This was her lucky day.
 - D. She had suffered her entire life.
 - E. Everyone considered her unclean—similar to a leper.
 - F. Nobody could help her.
 - G. She could help nobody.
 - H. She was broke.
 - I. Other.

4. Why did Jesus make a big deal about the woman touching him?
 - A. Jesus needed some space.
 - B. It makes no sense when you're in the middle of a crowd.
 - C. This meant less healing power would be available for others.
 - D. It slowed the progress to get to Jairus' dying daughter.
 - E. There would be no question from others she had really been healed.
 - F. The disciples weren't doing their job.
 - G. Jesus wanted to publicly praise the faith of a private outcast.
 - H. Other.

5. If you were Jairus, what would be your thoughts/feelings now (vs. 49)?
 - A. No!
 - B. Why did Jesus take so long?
 - C. Why didn't I do more, and do it sooner?
 - D. Why did that woman slow us down?
 - E. I've lost my little girl.
 - F. I've lost everything.
 - G. All is well that ends well.
 - H. Other.

6. Why does Jesus refer to death as sleep?
 - A. Death is sleep.
 - B. Death is like sleep.
 - C. Death as we know it is only temporary to Jesus.
 - D. Jesus hadn't experienced death yet.
 - E. It's a game of semantics/words.
 - F. Jesus sees more than our short, earthly life.
 - G. Jesus is resurrection and life, so death isn't in His vocabulary.
 - H. Other.

7. When has Jesus done a miracle in your life? When has Jesus *not* done a miracle in your life and you really wanted (or needed) one?

8. In this story, would you rather be the woman Jesus healed, the daughter Jesus resurrected, or Jairus? Why?