

Dead Wrong

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Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation--encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

// Bible References

Mark 5:21-43; Luke 9:23; John 14:6; Romans 4:17; 1 Corinthians 5:17.

// Message Summary

This Sunday, Pastor Karl Romeus, our Executive Pastor of NextGen Ministry, brought us a compelling message titled, *Dead Wrong*. Speaking out of Mark 5:21-43, Pastor Karl reminded us that Jesus is not simply *an* option for us when we face struggles, problems or difficulties, but rather He is *the* option. In the first reading from Mark's gospel, we meet a powerful Jewish teacher who publicly throws himself at Jesus' feet on behalf of his sick daughter. In the second, we meet a lowly Jewish woman who simply grasps at His clothes as Jesus walks past her in a crowd. In both instances Jesus brings healing (even a resurrection), showing us that we can never be too far away from Him for Him to make a difference in our lives.

// Biblical and Historical Context

The Gospel of Mark is a powerful, albeit brief, memoir of Jesus' life. It is likely that Mark was a disciple of the apostle Peter, and his gospel is an account of Peter's interactions with Jesus. Mark was also likely to be the first gospel written (around 70 AD), and it seems to have been written to a primarily Roman audience (Mark leaves out references to important Jewish elements like Jesus' genealogy, he often uses Roman/Latin words and expressions, and he takes care to explain Jewish customs to his readers). The miracles of Jesus - like the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman - are signposts for the Kingdom of God. They help us anticipate what is to come when God establishes His Kingdom in its fullness. We see in these two miracles that God has the power to give life to the dead and to bring redemption and wholeness to the sick and broken.

// Community Questions

Share a bizarre, weird or unusual superstition you have heard of. For example, many teachers in Colorado tell their students to flush ice cubes down the toilet in the hope of the district announcing a snow day...

// Discussion Questions

1. Together, read Mark 5:35-43. List at least three questions that come to mind when you read this passage.
2. Why did Jesus say the little girl was only “asleep” (verse 39)?
3. When reflecting on Jesus calling the sick woman ‘Daughter’, Pastor Karl noted, “Satan knows your name but calls you by your sin. Jesus knows your sin but calls you by your name.”

What does he mean by this?

4. Think of a time when you called on God as a last resort - after having tried everything else. What might have been different if you’d called on Him first?
 - What challenges might have you avoided?
 - How might the outcome have been better?
5. Think about the miracles of Jesus as an anticipation of God’s future kingdom. In what ways does this bring us hope?

// Challenge

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