

### Week 3: Raising Expectations

#### GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

How hard is it for you to be patient in waiting on God to provide for your needs? How strong is your faith that He will provide for your needs?

Has God ever provided for your needs in a way that surprised you? Share the story with your Community Group.

#### DISCUSS THE TEXT

*Read Mark 4:38-41 and Mark 5 and discuss the following questions.*

In the account of Jesus calming the storm, Mark notes that the disciples were “terrified” after Jesus demonstrated His power over the wind and rain. Given their concern moments earlier that they would drown, why do you think they are reacting to Jesus’s miracle in this way?

Similarly, the people who witnessed that the demon-possessed man was “in his right mind” were frightened of him in his healed state. Why do you think they responded this way?

In the story of the woman who was bleeding for 12 years, we hear from Mark that she suffered a great deal and exhausted all her resources to find relief that never came. Yet when she hears of Jesus, there is no doubt in her mind that He can heal her. Do you feel that you have that kind of faith?

After Jesus raises the dead girl, he tells her parents and the three disciples who witnessed the event not to tell anyone about this miracle. Why do you think He was so adamant that no one else should know about it?

Tim Keller writes, “God’s grace rarely operates according to our schedule.” How is this demonstrated in the stories of the bleeding woman and the dead girl? How has it been demonstrated in your own life?