

## Community Group Discussion Questions

“Unknown Condition” Mark 5:22-34 April 13, 2019

### Getting Started

When life feels like it is unraveling at the seams and you are beneath the fray, just know there is a God who only needs a thread of faith to mend a garment of praise.

Share with us about a time when you felt all hope was lost. It may have been financial, health, relationship, or spiritual... How did your faith play a role in the resolution?

### Going Deeper:

**Destitute but Determined:** “*And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for **twelve years.***” (Vs. 25)

1. **Physical Exhaustion:** “*and who had **suffered** much under many physicians*” (Vs. 26)
2. **Financial Exploitation:** “*had **spent all** that she had*” (Vs. 26)
3. **Religious Exclusion:** “*and was no better but rather **grew worse.***” (Vs. 26)

We live in a microwave world where we want instant relief for our hunger and our problems. This poor woman had tried everything, spent everything, and lost everything... but hope. Even after 12 years, she still had hope. Religion had failed her because she couldn't perform, but Jesus was on His way to show grace. Who do you know who is trapped in a situation like this? What do you think God wants you to do to help them?

**Discerning in Desperation:** “She had **heard** the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment” (Vs. 27)

1. **Step of Faith:** “If I touch even his **garments**” (Vs. 28)
2. **Statement of Faith:** “**I will** be made well” (Vs. 28)

When you've tried everything else, and nothing satisfies (which is the message of the entire Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes), then it's time to come back to your Creator, who made you, knows you, and loves you. She heard about Jesus and believed. (see Romans 10:14). She was willing to come and find Him. She needed the touch of His presence and healing. She believed He would heal. What has Jesus healed you from? (It may be a physical thing, but often it's something much deeper...)

**Declaration of Deliverance:** “And He said to her...” (Vs. 34)

1. **Bestows Worth:** “**Daughter**” (Vs. 34)
2. **Bestows Wellness:** “Your faith has made you **well**” (Vs. 34)
3. **Bestows Wholeness:** “Go in **peace**” (Vs. 34)
4. **Bestows a Witness:** “And be **healed** of your disease.” (Vs. 34)

Read Colossians 1:13. How does it support this story? (Delivered/rescued)

Read John 1:12-13. How does it support this story? (Adopted)

Read Romans 5:1-2. How does it support this story? (At peace)

Read 1 Peter 2:24. How does it support this story? (Christ healed us)

Do you see your faith story in her story?                      Isn't God good?

**Take Away:** The “X” that marks the spot is the place where you “eXtend” and take hold of the promises of God in your life for divine deliverance!

**Prayer:**