

DISCUSSION IDEAS

REACH OUT

Mark 4:21-43

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We tend to be very self-oriented. What about our relationship with Jesus pleases Him?

How high a priority does Jesus put on holding us accountable for our actions and attitudes?

Look at what God the Father said to Moses in Ex. 34:6-7. Remember, Jesus IS God, so the statement is from Him as well. Reconcile in your minds the expressed love and grace of God with "*yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished*"¹

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: REACHING OUT IN FAITH.**

Talk about how "faith" (trust) was shown in the story of Jairus, Mk. 4:21-24 and 40b-43.

Discuss how faith was shown in the story of the woman, Mk. 4:25-34.

Compare the issue of faith in relation to the local crowd's reaction to the girl's death, Mk. 4:35-40.

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: HOW DO WE PLEASE JESUS?**

Look at Heb. 11:6.

How does this passage really define "faith"?

Assume that faith is NOT a feeling. If that is so, how do we acquire faith?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: DOES JESUS ACTUALLY REJECT THOSE WHO REFUSE TO BELIEVE?**

How did Jesus respond in each of the three stories above?

Relate what Jesus said in Mark 4:24-25 to this discussion.

In looking at John 5:24-29, in v.24, the tense of the verb "has passed" is critical. How does that apply to our safety in Jesus?

How does that compare to John 3:18?

As far as our walk is concerned, if we are apathetic about spending time in the Word and with God, what do you suppose will happen to our ability to understand and appreciate God?

¹New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Ex 34:7). The Lockman Foundation: LaHabra, CA

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♦ PRAYER:

Let us be faithful in praying for the Ingvoldstads and the Tagbanwa people:

- Nate and Megan are travelling back to the Phillipines and will need to find an appropriate vehicle to purchase once they get there.
- Ingvoldstads and Binders have a responsibility before God as to the raising of their children. At what point would God want them to leave the island?
- How would the Tagbanwan Church continue to grow without foreign help?
- Pray for the selection and growth of Tagbanwan Elders.
- Pray for the transitions that will be required.