**Do Not Fear, Only Believe**

**Sermon Based Discussion (May 7th, 2017)**

**WARM UP**

1. Share an experience where you had exhausted all available options to fix a problem or to get out of a situation.

**INTO THE BIBLE (Mark 5:21-43)**

1. Take time to go through the passage to note any repeated phrases or themes. What repetitions can you spot and how might they inform our understanding of the passage?
2. If you were the synagogue ruler on the road with Jesus, what would think about the interruption the hemorrhaging woman caused to your own situation?
3. Why did Mark need to describe the synagogue ruler and hemorrhaging woman social and religious status in society?

**UNDERSTANDING**

1. What kind of faith did Jesus expect from the synagogue ruler and hemorrhaging woman?
2. How did Jesus meet and exceed the synagogue ruler and hemorrhaging woman’s faith in Him?
3. Jesus performed one miracle in the middle a huge crowd on the street and then another in the synagogue ruler’s house with a handful of witnesses. Why did Jesus instruct his disciples and the parents to keep silent about raising the child from the dead?

**DIFFERENCE**

1. The hemorrhaging woman’s faith knew that Jesus could heal her which also included the added on superstition Jesus corrects in verse v. 34. Where do have our own “add on” in our faith in Jesus?
2. Both the synagogue ruler and hemorrhaging woman believed Jesus could heal, but their faith was imperfect because they limited what Jesus could do. Where have we limited what Jesus can do in our lives?

**APPLICATION**

1. If you have an opportunity share with someone this week, share how God impacted you in a specific challenge or situation and your faith grew