Questions, Quotes and Notes
March 5, 2023
Luke 8:40-56: A Tale of Two Daughters

Pre-Sermon:

1. Read Luke 8:40-56. What is different about this story than every other healing story Luke has told so far?

Mid-Sermon:

1. What question should you be asking when you turn from the Old Testament to the New?
2. Why is that an important question?
3. How does Luke force us to think about this question by the way he writes this gospel?
4. How did many Jewish people think salvation worked for non-Jews in the time of the early church?
5. In what ways is this similar to how most people think about how salvation works?
6. What is the connection that we mentioned between Luke's gospel and Paul's letters?
7. Luke makes clear the Jews are rejecting him, but he is also clear that there is still hope for salvation. What surprising insight is he giving us about who salvation is coming to throughout this gospel?
8. How do we get a preview of that in chapter 8?
9. What question might you be asking if you were a Gentile in the early church, hearing Paul, and seeing this transition taking place in this gospel?
10. In what way does Jairus illustrate the dilemma?
11. What happens as Jesus is going to Jairus' house that makes Jairus' situation seem even more hopeless?
12. To Jairus it must have seemed like Jesus was delaying unnecessarily, but what was Jesus actually doing? What did he want to teach Jairus?
13. How does this passage illustrate the truth Paul taught about how Gentiles were saved?
14. What does it illustrate about the way Jews can be saved?

Notes:

For those of you who really like outlines, this sermon might be a little challenging for you. Basically, I am going to show you a question you should be asking as you read the Old Testament and Luke and the way this story answers it. Maybe instead of listening for three points, you can think as we go through this story about what question it is answering, how it answers it, what it teaches you about salvation, what stands out to you that you would like to think about more, how this text makes Jesus look beautiful, and what you can learn from the characters in the story.

Sermon Review Questions:

1. What is one of the most difficult questions you need to answer as you read the Bible?
2. What was the story we looked at today about?
3. Who was Jairus? What is surprising about the way he came to Jesus?
4. What happened after Jesus started walking to Jairus' house? Why might that have been challenging for Jairus? What do you think he was feeling along the way?
5. What was wrong with the woman in this story?
6. What does it mean to be unclean?
7. How did she approach Jesus?
8. How did Jesus respond after she touched the fringe of his garment?
9. Why do you think he responded that way?
10. What does Jesus say to her?
11. What happens next to Jairus and what question might that have caused him to ask?
12. What does Jesus tell Jairus and what can we learn from that?
13. Why do you think Jesus told Jairus not to tell anyone about what happened?