

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

What's one of your most loved traditions at Christmas time?

LEARN & APPLY

Take turns reading **Luke 8:40-56**.

- Jairus is a man of position who humbles himself to beg Jesus for help. What does this tell us about Jairus? Do you think he's acting in faith, fear, or both? How do you identify with his situation?
- In verses 43-48 we meet a woman whose illness had made her 'unclean' for 12 years. Why do you think Jesus chose to respond to her the way he did, and what does this tell you about what Jesus values?
- In what area of life do you most need the blessing of Jesus' touch right now?

In verse 49 Jairus receives the worst news any parent could hear. His greatest fears have been realized. Still, Jesus tells him to believe.

- Jesus didn't raise every person who died on earth (obviously). Why do you think Jesus performed this miracle? What does this show us about Jesus' power over death?
- **Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**. Do you identify more with a response of faith or fear regarding dying?
- **Read Isaiah 9:1-2** (prophecy of the coming of Jesus). How does knowing Jesus 'is and will be' Lord over everything, help bring 'light' into the 'darkness' of your world right now? Share with your group one way you want to live in faith over fear.

PRAY

Pray for Jesus' light to be known in the situations of 'darkness' that you are aware of. Include in your prayers those on your heart to invite to serve alongside you on Serve Day, December 17.