

# **Luke: The Inside Out Gospel**

Week 14

Luke 8:40-56

“Life Without Interruptions”

## **OPEN WITH PRAYER**

**GETTING STARTED:** How do you deal with interruptions?

## **LEARNING & APPLYING GOD’S WORD**

**Together, read Luke 8:40-56 together**

1. Was there one point from Greg’s sermon that particularly struck you? Why?
2. Notice that Jesus is faced with a choice—heal the powerful synagogue leader or a poor woman who would be ritually unclean because of her bleeding. What does Jesus do? How does this story demonstrate that Jesus keeps moving toward the outsider?
3. Do you have enough margin in your life so that you can respond to needs around you? Or have you said yes to too many things? Is there something you need to say no to?
4. Respond to this quote from the 20<sup>th</sup> century Christian writer Henri Nouwen: “My whole life I have been complaining that my work was constantly interrupted until I discovered that my interruptions are my work.”

5. What is the connection between this passage about healing and our celebration of the Resurrection last week at Easter?

6. Jesus, we learn from this passage, is never too busy for us in times of need. Have you experienced Jesus meeting you in a surprising moment? What was that like?

### **LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”**

1. Are there people, outsiders like the woman who was bleeding, that your RLG needs to touch?
2. How can you assist one another in finding God’s call to service even when it seems like an interruption?

### **SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)**

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God’s grace and peace. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another’s needs. When we pray together, we find the power of God.