

# THE POINT OF IMPACT

## WEEK 1

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a small group or Bible class.

His daughter was sick, and he was bringing Jesus home to heal her. But on the way he heard the words, “She’s dead. Why bother the teacher?” Everyone who wrestles with hopelessness knows these words. But Jesus says, “Just believe.” And the choice between not bothering or just believing all comes down to the truth of Easter.

**1** Describe how you met Jesus. When did Jesus first make a significant impact on your life? What happened in your life that you didn’t think was possible before you met Jesus?

**2** Mark 5:21-42, tells the story of Jairus’ daughter, and how Jesus raised her from death to life. It also tells the story of how her miracle was delayed. When have you had to wait on God to do something for you? What did God want you to learn during this time? If you are in the midst of that time right now, does it seem “too late for Jesus” to respond?

**3** Hebrews 4:16 encourages us to approach God’s throne of grace. Do you feel you can “boldly” approach God’s throne of grace in prayer? If not, what would it take for you to be even bolder in taking your requests to God (like Jairus and the woman who interrupted Jesus in Mark 5 did)? Jairus and the woman didn’t have much in common except for this: they both approached Jesus with their requests. What can we learn from their example?

**4** Mark 5:35 gives the account of men from Jairus’ house saying “your daughter is dead, why bother the teacher anymore”. Is there a part of your life (marriage, finances, fitness, being responsible at work, staying sexually pure, getting free of an addiction, seeking reconciliation) where you are tempted to give up hope, to quit trying, to just accept the status quo, to decide it’s too late? Where do these “why bother?” voices come from in your life (the crowd, family, friends, from inside your own mind)?

**5** Mark 5:40 tells us when Jesus arrived at Jairus’ house, he “put out” those who laughed, and went into the room with just a few people. What doubts, false beliefs, and attitudes do you need to “put out” of your life to get closer to a greater hope in Jesus? What can you do to tune out the voice of doubt in your life?

**6** Hebrews 6:18-19 tells us hope is an anchor to the soul. What practical things can we do in our lives to make hope an even greater anchor for our soul? What step can you take today in the hope direction?