

Sermon-based Guide Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Week of April 25 Reach Out and Touch Faith

Scripture: Mark 5:25-34

Sermon Themes

- This is a story of a woman who touched Jesus in hopes of being healed.
- God's love is real and powerful
- Judgement
- Risk
- Curiosity

Questions

- 1. Brad shared his story of realizing for the first time just how real and powerful God's love is. Take some time to share a similar story from your life.
 - Don't spend your whole time together doing this ... unless it's beautiful and then you can make that decision for yourselves.
- 2. What are some things you feel particularly judgmental about?

 It can be an activity, an action, a group of people, etc. It can be lighthearted ("I judge people who leave their cart in the middle of the aisle at Costco!") or more sensitive ("I confess to judging homeless folks I see on the street.")
- 3. The bleeding woman in the gospel story took a huge risk by truly believing Jesus could save her from suffering. How hard is that for you to relate to? Have you had an experience, good or bad, where you felt like you risked believing in Jesus' power?
- 4. What would it look like for you to adopt a more consistent posture of curiosity in your life? What changes might come from that posture?