

Part 3:

Big Idea

This week, we looked at the story of Jairus and discussed how his moments with Jesus mirrored the approach we are to take in order to thrive in our walk with God. Pastor Tom Mullins refers to this as “The Path to Life.” To really flourish in our relationship with God, we must first be desperate to get to Jesus. When we are desperate and cry out to Him, He will respond to us. Once we get to Him, we must be committed to staying in His presence – even when darkness surrounds us. We must also be ready to receive Jesus in our homes and kick out disbelief so that He can have room to work. Finally, we must allow Jesus to speak life over our home.

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13

“The tongue can speak words that bring life or death.” Proverbs 18:21

Discussion Questions

- Discuss the different aspects of parenting that Pastor Tom spoke about this week (e.g. speaking life over your kids, praying with the family, male spiritual leadership in the home, removing disbelief). What stood out to you that you will apply to the way you raise your children (or future children)?
- Tell the group about someone in your life who has spoken words of life over you. What did they say, and how did their words impact you?
- Talk about the current state of your relationship with God. Are you desperate for Him, fighting every day to sit at His feet? What practical steps can you take this week to foster a spirit of desperation for God within your heart?

Prayer Focus

Ask God to awaken a spirit of desperation for Him within you. Pray that the Holy Spirit will show you any areas in your home that could be more prepared for Jesus to dwell, and ask for wisdom regarding how to create an inviting home environment where God can work in your family.

Next Step

Discipline yourself to spend time with Jesus every day this week, even when it’s difficult to find time or energy. Recognize your desperate need for Him, and fight to get in His presence. Pray with your family daily. Take an honest look at your home and have a discussion with your spouse/family about what it looks like to have a home that is ready to receive Jesus. Intentionally speak life over your spouse and children every day.

Leader Tip

Develop an assistant. Helping someone find his or her purpose in God by learning to help others is a fulfilling accomplishment of a leader.