

## MAIN POINT

*God works through events we might view as an interruption, bringing about divine opportunities to honor Him and love others.*

## INTRODUCTION

How do you respond to interruptions to your plans or activities through the day? When can an interruption be a good thing?

What keeps us from responding well to the interruptions we face in our daily life? How does busyness contribute to this?

**Interruptions are a part of life. They seem to happen when we are our most tired, busiest, or doing a significant task. Jesus's life was no different. He encountered one interruption after another, but demonstrated grace and concern through each interruption He encountered. He recognized that the Father was working through these interruptions, to bring Himself Glory. We should seek to make space in our lives to prize people over tasks, enabling us to respond in love when interrupted.**

## DISCUSSION

> READ LUKE 8:40-56.

How would you characterize Jesus's response to Jairus?

What role did Jairus's faith play in Jesus responding as He did?

What factors contributed to Jesus stopping and confronting the woman in verse 45?

How might the urgency of the religious leader's previous need have stopped Jesus from responding to this woman well?

How did the faith of the woman compare to the faith of the leader? How is urgency seen in both situations?

How did the presence of the mourners serve as yet another interruption? How can people's responses serve as an interruption to us meeting the needs of others?

What did Jesus's actions reveal about His identity? What did His actions reveal about His view of people? How can we live with this same view of people?

What interruptions this past week could have been opportunities to represent God by loving others?

What needs to change in your life for you to more readily recognize these opportunities on a daily basis?

Read Mark 10:13-16, 46-52, and Luke 7:36-50. How do each of these instances give further examples of Jesus making space to love people, even when they were interruptions? How can we do the same?

## APPLICATION

Where do you need to create more space in your life to prize people over busyness whether in your family, church, or community? How will you take steps towards this?