

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of October 25, 2015

Luke 8:43-48

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁴³ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her.

⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. ⁴⁵ Then Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you."

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me." ⁴⁷ When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed.

⁴⁸ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

Common English Bible (CEB)

⁴³ *A woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years. She had spent her entire livelihood on doctors, but no one could heal her.* ⁴⁴ *She came up behind him and touched the hem of his clothes, and at once her bleeding stopped.*

⁴⁵ *"Who touched me?" Jesus asked.*

When everyone denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are surrounding you and pressing in on you!"

⁴⁶ *But Jesus said, "Someone touched me. I know that power has gone out from me."*

⁴⁷ *When the woman saw that she couldn't escape notice, she came trembling and fell before Jesus. In front of everyone, she explained why she had touched him and how she had been immediately healed.*

⁴⁸ *"Daughter, your faith has healed you," Jesus said. "Go in peace."*

Connection Questions:

1. Why do some Christians argue that religion and science are separate?
2. In our text, it implies that a woman who had been physically sick for years is healed by touching Jesus' garment. Does this mean that if we are intentional in our faith God will heal us of any physical ailments we have? Why or why not?
3. After the healing, Jesus told the woman, "Your faith has made you well." Why didn't he say, "God has made you well?" Is there a difference? Why or why not?
4. Our body, mind, and spirit all have a part to play in making us the being God created. Discuss how finding a balance among these three areas can assist us in being our best as a child of God.

5. Jesus in saying to the woman, “Your faith has made you well,” implies that having a trusting relationship with God is vital for us to find healing in life. Discuss how trusting in God can bring us healing.

6. What is the connection between how God works through a relationship with him and how God works through doctors, nurses, and medical research?

7. How do you explain the issue of faith healing in the light of our discussion about religion and medical science? If people can be healed by prayer, why do we need medical science?