Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

'Unclean' was a state of being under Jewish law. You would become unclean by touching an unclean person or a dead body. A long ritual was required to be clean again.

The woman (v25-34) was 'unclean' because of her bleeding. People would avoid touching her.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

Jesus was asked to heal Jairus' daughter. On the way He was accosted by a woman, and Jesus healed of her bleeding. Then Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from the dead.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

A SERVANT'S HEART: UNCOMFORTABLE

Mark 5:21 – 43 (NIV)

21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a
large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. 22 Then one of the
synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at
his feet. 23 He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please
come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." 24 So
Jesus went with him.
A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 25 And a woman was there
who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a
great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet
instead of getting better she grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she
came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she
thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." 29 Immediately her
bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her
suffering.
30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned
around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"
31 "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and
yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' "
32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the woman,
knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling
with fear, told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has
healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."
35 While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus,
the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the
teacher anymore?"
36 Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."
37 He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother
of James. 38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus
saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. 39 He went in and
said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but
asleep." 40 But they laughed at him.
After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the
disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41 He took her
by the hand and said to her, *"Talitha koum!"* (which means "Little girl, I say to
you, get up!"). 42 Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around
(she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. 43 He
gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give
her something to eat.

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

Think of situations that are hard for you to serve in (difficult patients, certain classmates, or when feeling tired, etc.). Write down one way you'll commit to serving others this week, even when uncomfortable:

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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