

WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW AND CRIPPLED WOMAN

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

LESSON 11

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Herodias and Daughter** was helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read Mark 1:29-34

2. According to **V29**, where had Jesus and the disciples been, and where were they going?
3. Read **V21-28**, what had they been doing at the synagogue?
4. When they arrived at the home, what was the situation in **V30**? (See also **Luke 4:38**.)
5. Why do you think the disciples told Jesus about her? What does this reveal about them?
6. What are the varied descriptions of what Jesus did for her in **V31**, **Matthew 8:15** and **Luke 4:39**?
7. The disciples brought Peter's mother-in-law to Jesus for healing. Who do you know that needs God's healing in their lives, and what are ways you can "bring them to Jesus?"
8. a) What strikes you about how Peter's mother-in-law responded to Jesus' touch and healing in her life in **V31b**? (See also **Luke 4:39**.)
b) What is a truth you'll take away from her example?

8. c) Where or when have you observed a modern day version of her response?

9. In **Luke 4:40-44**, from sunset to sunrise, people were clamoring for Jesus' healing.

- a) What reason does Jesus give for not making healing His first priority in **V43**?
- b) What message does that convey to us today (especially when longing for physical healing)?

SECTION II: Read Luke 13:10-17

10. Read **V10**. What day was it, and what was Jesus doing?

11. Who was in the synagogue, and what was her condition in **V11**?

12. It must have been physically difficult, as well as culturally shameful, to be out in her condition. Name some possible reasons the woman went to the synagogue.

13. Taking note of the action words, what does Jesus do in **V12-13a**?

14. How do you think the woman felt when called out by Jesus in front of a crowded synagogue?

15. What happened to her, and what was her response in **V13b**?

16. How did the synagogue ruler respond in **V14**?

17. In your own words, how does Jesus compare their warped thinking behind the sacred Sabbath and His sacred love toward this woman in **V15-16**?

18. What was the result for His opponents and for the people in **V17**?

19. Both ladies were healed, although neither directly asked for healing. For what situation does that bring you comfort?

20. a) As you consider their actions immediately following their healing, would you say you've had similar actions in response to all He's done for you? Explain.

b) Share a prayer based on your answer.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. The Bible has many accounts of healings: physically, spiritually, and emotionally. Make note of what took place **after** the four healings below. What did Jesus say or do? What was the healed person's response?

Luke 8:26-39 _____

Luke 8:42b-48 _____

Luke 17:11-19 _____

Luke 18:35-42 _____

2. Which one of these stories resonates with you the most and why?

3. Suggested Memory Verse: **Jeremiah 17:14**

