

Bible Women Still Speak

Lesson 8 – The Woman with the Issue of Blood

1. From Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; and Luke 8:43-48, describe the scene.

2. What do you learn about this woman?

3. What does the Law say about an unclean person from Leviticus 15:19-33?
 - How would this have personally affected this woman's life?

4. What did she initially do to try to relieve her affliction?
 - What had man's best efforts done for her?
 - Where did she go next for help?

5. How did she demonstrate her faith in Jesus?
 - What was Jesus' response to her when she touched the hem of His garment?

6. This woman had suffered 12 years with her affliction. What are some reasons God allows suffering into our lives? Give Scriptural references.

7. Share how the Lord has used suffering in your life to bring spiritual growth.

8. It must have been difficult for this woman's loved ones to see her suffer. How do you cope when those you love are in a deep trial?
 - How can you best minister to others who are suffering, and what have you found most helpful?

9. How does our own suffering prepare us to minister to others? See 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.
 - In what ways may the afflictions of our past take on new meaning when they are used to help others?

10. In Luke's account, Jesus called the woman to give public testimony of what He had done for her. Why is public testimony important?

11. Share with your group a few things the Lord has done for you. See Psalm 66:16.

12. Jesus chose to physically heal the woman with the issue of blood. Does this mean He chooses to heal every physical affliction? Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and share your thoughts.