

Group Leader Guide

At the Movies 2026 – part 2 “Mandalorian and Grogu”

Sermon Recap

What if Jesus is whispering your name in the middle of life's chaos right now? Pastor Jacob reveals how Jesus, surrounded by pressing crowds, stopped everything to heal a desperate woman and raise Jairus's twelve-year-old daughter from death—proving He never overlooks the hurting individual for the masses. Through vivid storytelling connecting Star Wars side quests to Jesus's ministry interruptions, Jacob shows how real faith abandons self-reliance and trusts completely in Christ's transforming power.

Ice Breaker

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, but it has absolutely zero calories, what would it be and why?

Discussion Questions

1. What from the sermon stood out to you? How were you challenged, motivated, or convicted from what you heard?
2. In the Mandalorian movie, Mando and Grogu kept stopping their main mission to help people they encountered along the way. How does this connect to how Jesus lived His ministry?
 - a. Pastor Jacob used the movie to show how the main characters had one mission but chose to stop and help others in need. He connected this to Jesus, who was always willing to pause His journey to love, heal, and serve people who needed Him.
 - b. Think about your daily routine and goals. When has God put someone in your path who needed help, and how did you respond? What would it look like to be more open to these 'interruptions'?
3. Why do you think Jesus chose to leave the large crowd to help one desperate father (Jairus) instead of continuing to teach the masses?
 - a. Jesus was surrounded by countless people who wanted to hear His teaching, which could have built momentum for His ministry. But when Jairus came desperately asking for help with his dying daughter, Jesus chose to minister to this one hurting individual.
 - b. In our culture, we often focus on big numbers and impressive results. How can you make time to truly see and care for the 'one' person who might be struggling around you?
4. The woman who had been bleeding for twelve years had tried everything else before coming to Jesus. What does her faith teach us about trusting in Jesus' power?

- a. This woman had spent everything she had on doctors for twelve years and only got worse. But she believed so strongly in Jesus' power that she thought just touching His clothes would heal her. Pastor Jacob said this shows real faith that recognizes how insignificant our power is compared to Jesus' power.
 - b. What are some 'earthly solutions' you've tried to rely on instead of fully trusting Jesus? How can you develop the kind of complete faith this woman showed?
5. When Jairus received the devastating news that his daughter had died, Jesus told him 'Don't be afraid. Only believe.' What was Jesus asking Jairus to do in that moment?
 - a. Jairus had just gotten the worst news a parent could receive - his daughter was dead. Instead of offering sympathy, Jesus gave him a command to not fear but believe. Jairus had to choose whether to give up or trust Jesus even in this impossible situation.
 - b. Think of a time when you received terrible news or faced a seemingly impossible situation. How did you respond, and what would it look like to 'only believe' in Jesus during your hardest moments?
6. Pastor Jacob pointed out that both the bleeding woman and the dead girl should have made Jesus 'unclean' according to Jewish law, but instead His holiness transformed them. How does this represent what Jesus does for us today?
 - a. In Jewish culture, touching someone who was bleeding or a dead body would make you ceremonially unclean. But when Jesus touched them, instead of becoming unclean Himself, His holiness made them pure and gave them life. Pastor Jacob said this is exactly what Jesus still does today.
 - b. What areas of your life feel 'unclean' or broken? How does knowing that Jesus' holiness can transform your brokenness instead of being contaminated by it change how you approach Him?

Prayer

- Ask for any personal prayer requests that group members might have.
- Pray for God to guide us in prioritizing the needs of individuals over the crowd, just as Jesus did.
- Ask God to strengthen our faith, enabling us to trust His power over our own, especially in times of difficulty.
- Pray for the courage to be a disciple who is willing to be interrupted by those in need, allowing our lives to reflect Jesus' love.