



## Bleeding Woman [Mark 1:9-11; 5:21-34]

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**The baptism of Jesus is a public event. The healing of the bleeding woman was a public event. In fact, most of Jesus' miracles were public and witnessed by others.**

What do these two events tell us about the nature of God's kingdom as it makes its way onto earth? What implications do they have for us as we seek to usher the kingdom of God into a) our personal lives b) into our families c) into our communities?

**Dan Shin mentions that one object lesson of ceremonial laws (such as observing certain acts as making one unclean, like handling a corpse) was to give pause in the life of the Israelite to remind that them that they were not yet home - that things were not the way they were supposed to be.**

What gives you pause in your personal life at this moment? What frustrations, hungers, pains, injustices do you personally experience from day to day that tell you "we're not home yet"?

What lengths do you find yourself going to in order to mediate or protect yourself from experiencing the risks and brokenness of a yet fallen earth?

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**Some of us have experienced "miracles", healing or other seemingly divine interventions.**

How would you define the word miracle?

Have you ever experienced a miracle? Tell the story.

Is there an area in your life that you would like to experience a miracle? Are you able to pray for it? Why or why not? Are you open to a miracle being a process rather than an event?