

SIMPLYJESUS

Can We Hear?

Kathy Maskell

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What aspect of this story...something about the woman, Jesus, the crowd...stands out to you most? Why?
2. Kathy creatively emphasizes the deep sense of shame associated with this woman's illness and desperation. In what ways do you think Jesus' response to this woman surprises her?
3. Kathy makes several references to the "home" or "household" of Jesus. What does this story tell us about who is welcome into his house?
4. This story includes two examples of healing by Jesus. But Kathy acknowledges that we don't always see the miracles. The pain and suffering in the world, and in her life, leave her with questions for God. Yet, she suggests that it is that very suffering that enables us to bring healing to others and to welcome others into Jesus' house. Do you agree or disagree with this? Why?