

Seven: Healing the Official's Son

Sermon Discussion Guide 3.2.25

Signs point the way. They direct us, warn us and inform us. Signs make clear what we cannot see. During His ministry, the Gospel of John tells us that Jesus performed 7 signs that were designed to reveal His identity as the Messiah. With each sign we are confronted with the truth about Jesus; and with each sign we are asked to make a decision about His identity and His work on the cross for us: will we believe?

Big Picture: Jesus can grant life by the Word of His power. The one condition is our desperation and faith.

Getting Started

- Have you ever witnessed a healing miracle?

Search the Scriptures

Have someone in your Group read **John 4:46-54**.

1. This man ran from Capernaum to Cana to get to Jesus (about 20 miles!). What does this teach us about the official?
2. What does the official's question reveal about what he knew about Jesus going into their conversation?
3. What does Jesus' rebuke (vs. 48) teach us about genuine vs. shallow faith?
4. **Read John 4:49-50**. What do we learn about faith from this man's response to Jesus?
5. Each sign is revelatory of Jesus' identity and glory. What happens in response to Jesus' healing of the official's son (vs. 53)?

Getting Practical

- Have you ever had the thought, or heard someone say, "I would believe in Jesus more if _____ happened."? How is that a shallow faith?

- We always hear the phrase, “faith over sight”. How does this story help us understand what that phrase is meant to mean?
- Has there ever been a moment where you lacked sight and simply had to trust in Jesus? What was that season like for you?
- This story ends with a happy ending. But not all our needs and wants are met with a “yes” from Jesus. How are we to respond when the answer to our need is/seems to be a “no”?