

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Scripture: John 4:46-54

- They were more interested in the signs than the Savior.
- Are we looking for signs and missing the Savior?
- The Word of God is powerful enough to deliver us from death itself.
- His promises are true because He is trustworthy and faithful.

GET TALKING

Have you been to a high school reunion or other situation where people can't see you as you are because of past experience? Tell about your experience (keeping names out for respect of those individuals).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Take some time to check in with each other. If you have set intentions from previous weeks, share the progress made or roadblocks encountered.
2. Read John 4:46-54. How do you respond when you clearly see God's hand in your life and situations? It can be so easy to rationalize Jesus out of our story or chalk the experiences or events up to coincidence even when they are an answer to prayer. The official in John 4 points to Jesus as soon as he realizes the truth that Jesus was faithful in His promise. As a result, "his whole household believed" (vs 53).
 - o Can you share a time when you declared an event or experience the result of God's work in your life?
 - o How about a time when you talked yourself out of believing it could really be a sign or gift from God?
 - o What can make it so hard to believe Jesus is responsible for the events in our lives?
3. Jesus states in John 4:48 "Unless you people see signs and wonders...you will never believe." Have you found yourself looking for signs and missing the Savior? It is important for us to reflect on if we are more interested in the signs and gifts from our Savior than we are in knowing and worshiping Jesus. Think about your most recent prayers. Have you been looking for God's response or the response you expect God to provide? What makes you think this way?
4. Jesus is calling you into a lifelong journey of faith and trust in Him. Romans 10:17 says, "Faith comes through hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Where are you at in your faith story? Share where you think you are and how you think you got there.
 - o Are you curious and wondering just who Jesus is and what He is all about?
 - o Feeling like your faith has stalled out and Jesus feels distant?
 - o Desperate and at the end of yourself in need of Jesus to take over?
5. No matter where you are at, Jesus has come to meet you where you are and has a Word just for you. What might you be trusting or believing in more than God? What thing or idea do you need to let go? Do an Internet search to find scripture that gives you a promise you can cling to as you let go of the old and let Jesus continue to make you new in Him. Help each other so each of you will go home with God's Word to hold onto.

PRAYER

In these scriptures we read about faith and trust in Jesus, specifically in His Word. As you pray today ask to hear and believe what God has for you and your lives.

You may want to pray:

- For Jesus to help you put aside any doubts about who He is and what He can do.
- Using the scriptures you found together, praising Jesus for being trustworthy and faithful.
- Thanksgiving for all the ways you have seen Him work in and through your lives.
- To be the mouth that tells what Jesus has done so others may hear and believe.