

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### DISCUSSION GOAL



*Discuss what it means to have faith in Jesus without any signs or conditions. Discuss how we can have total trust in Jesus and believe that what he says is true.*

### ICE BREAKER



What is something that you couldn't believe was true until you saw it yourself?

### TEXT



*Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.*

#### John 4:46-54

<sup>46</sup> So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup> When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup> So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." <sup>49</sup> The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup> As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup> So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." <sup>53</sup> The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup> This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

### MESSAGE OUTLINE



*This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.*

Big Idea: You don't need a sign

1. Will you believe without conditions? (vv. 46-48)
2. Will you ask without doubt? (vv. 49-50)
3. Will you trust without wavering? (vv. 51-54)

## DISCUSSION



- Read Hebrews 11:1-3. What is faith? How can we have faith without signs? Is it challenging for you to believe in that which you can't see?
- In John 4:48, Jesus tells the official that, "unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe". People often put conditions on their faith and will only believe in Jesus IF he answers their prayers, delivers a miracle, speaks audibly, etc. Is this the right way to approach Jesus? What kind of faith does this lead to?
- In verse 50, Jesus tells the official that his son will be healed, and the man believed Jesus without doubt. Share about a time when you personally experienced this type of faith. What led you to believe without doubt?
- In verse 52, we see that the son was healed the moment Jesus spoke. What does this teach us about Jesus? Why is it so often hard to trust what God says, even when we have experienced his faithfulness before?
- Read James 1:5-8 and discuss how it relates to the John 4 text. Where is God calling you into unwavering trust?

## LIFE APPLICATION



Pray for one another and help each other process what has been shared and discussed. What is your next step of obedience? What does accountability look like? What would it look like for each of you and your group to be faithful to trust Jesus based on this discussion?

*Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS



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