

GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

Warm Up

When you're waiting on important news, do you prefer constant updates or just knowing the final answer? Why?

Review

Read John 4:46-54. Look back over the sermon outline from the back of the worship folder. What was something that stood out to you?

Hardships can bring us closer

Jesus used a hardship (a son being deathly sick) to bring the official closer to him. What's a hardship (your own or someone else's) that has brought a person closer to Jesus?

Trusting can be hard

What promises of God do you find hardest to trust when circumstances haven't changed yet? What makes trusting those promises difficult? What can make trusting God easier?

How do you respond?

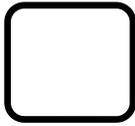
When someone you know is going through a hard time, how do you respond? What things have helped? How can you remind them of God's promises?

Hindsight

The boy's healing became clear the next day. Can you share a time when God's faithfulness became evident after the fact? How did that experience shape your confidence in God's promises?

Your family

How can confidently trusting God's promises – especially during difficult times – be a way to influence your family and those you are in contact with?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

John 4:46-54

The Message Behind the Miracles – Glory in His Promise

“Previously on...”

- 1) A man learned a lesson.
 - He asked.
 - He trusted.
 - He made connections.

 - The lesson =

- 2) What is the lesson for us?
 - Ask.
 - God cares about the small things.
 - A car on the side of the road...
 - Trust his promises.
 - What has he done?
 - What does he still do?
 - Make connections.
 - With your family.
 - Be a family.

Next Steps:

Google “promises of God in the Bible.” Pick your favorite 7 passages. Read one each day this week. Keep reminding yourself of God’s promises and take him at his word.

⁴⁶ Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

⁴⁸ “Unless you people see signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.” ⁴⁹ The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” ⁵⁰ “Go,” Jesus replied, “your son will live.”

The man took Jesus at his word and departed. ⁵¹ While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. ⁵² When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him.”

⁵³ Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he and his whole household believed.

⁵⁴ This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.

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