

Series Sermon-based Growth Group

Questions

August 29, 2021

John 4:43-54

Introductory Discussion:

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. Why do you think a prophet has no honor in his own country (verse 44)?
2. In verse 47, was the royal official showing faith by asking Jesus to heal his son?
3. Is there a difference in verse 50, when it says the man believed Jesus that his child was healed?
 - a. Jesus asks the man to go away without anything but a promise. Why is that important?
4. How is his faith different in verse 53 when he believed after the miracle?
 - a. Jesus heals the man's son without him seeing it. How does that affect the man's faith?
5. Think about the steps in the man's faith from verse 47 to 50, and then finally verse 53. How does this sequence show how our faith grows through our actual experience with Jesus?
 - a. Why is it important that we believe by hearing from God and not by what we see?
6. Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding, but the Galileans didn't believe; they just wanted more miracles. They get this second miracle and yet there is no indication that it leads to faith. Why is that?
7. The royal official believes Jesus before he sees the miracle, then the miracle reinforces his faith. What does that teach us?
8. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." How do we see this in the life of the royal official?
 - a. How does this change the way you look at the promises of God?