

Life Group Homework

JOHN 4:46-54 – JESUS HAS POWER OVER TIME

Getting Started:

1. What sort of concerns are you more likely to bring before God in prayer?

2. What sort of concerns are you slower to bring before the God? Why?

3. When a dilemma or anxious situation arises, what thoughts, if any, prevent you from taking the situation before God in prayer?

Digging In:

1. In *John 4:48* Jesus says to the man seeking his help, “*Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.*” Is it reasonable to ask for signs and wonders? Is asking for signs and wonders similar to our desire to have something proven to us before we believe?

2. Read *John 20:29* and answer the question “Why sort of faith believes without seeing and does not need signs and wonders?”

3. What does the fact that Jesus was able to heal over such a great distance (about 20 miles) tell us about who He is and what He is capable of doing?

4. In verse 50 the man is said to have believed "*the word that Jesus spoke.*" But later in verse 53 it again says, "*He himself believed...*" What distinctions, if any, can be made between the belief the official had in verse 50 and the belief he had in verse 53?

5. Imagine yourself as a member of this official's household. Why do you think these events brought all of his household to faith?

Living It Out:

1. What level of faith do we have when we bring our concerns to God? Is it one that asks for signs of some sort, or one that comes already confident and full of faith?
2. What would the prayer of someone with full confidence in God sound like? Is that what our prayers sound like?
3. What does the faith of this royal official's household tell us about the power of sharing our concerns and sharing our prayer requests with one another?
4. Apply this to your time of prayer with your group.

NOTE TO LEADERS:

PLEASE DO NOT FEEL THAT YOU HAVE TO GET THROUGH ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS. FEEL FREE TO SELECT THOSE QUESTIONS THAT BEST FIT YOUR GROUP AND ONLY FOCUS ON THOSE. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR STUDY!