



## **Pt. 2: Signs; Healing of an Official's Son**

In order to demonstrate who he was, Jesus performed a number of miracles—which the apostle John referred to as “signs.” The first of those signs was at a joyous occasion where Jesus turned water into wine. The second sign was in the midst of a heartbreaking circumstance in which a Roman official desperately asks Jesus to heal his dying son. The official had faith that Jesus could heal him. Faith often begins when knowing very little, but being deeply aware of our need, we come to Jesus and rest on his word that he can do what he says he can.

**Bottom Line:** Faith grows as we learn to trust Jesus by resting on his word.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What are some things that people believe in that they either haven't seen or can't see?
2. Tragedy can often cause people (even those who claim to not believe in God) to look up—whether it's asking for help, they are questioning, or shaking their fists. Why do you think that is?
3. **Read John 4:46–54**, where the apostle John recounts the story of Jesus healing a government official's son.
  - In verse 48, what seems to be Jesus' main motivation for performing this miracle?
  - In verse 53, what type of emotion do you think the official had when he realized his son was being healed at the same time he had been talking to Jesus? John tells us that the official and his entire household believed.
  - How was this miracle not just a random act of kindness, but more of a strategic plan by Jesus?
  - How is the response of the official in verses 50 and 53 an example of what Jesus was desiring?
4. How are we today sometimes guilty of following Jesus for the wrong reasons?
5. How might we follow the example of the official?
6. What is something specific you can thank God for doing in your life?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?

\*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.