

# SIGNS

## THE SEVEN MIRACULOUS SIGNS OF JESUS

### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS (Part 2: John 4:46-54 // Healing the Official's Son)

**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.

- 1) Read John 4:46-54 as a group.
- 2) The father in this story is faced with a worst-case scenario as his son is close to death. What are some of the fears you have today? What would be your worst case scenario as it pertains to suffering?
- 3) Do you agree with the statement: Suffering can either drive us towards God, or away from God. Why do you suppose this is the case?
- 4) According to the message, there were three observations: a) God uses suffering to draw us to Himself; b) Jesus often engages the heart before He engages the body; and c) Suffering is what brings us to Jesus, but relieving our suffering is not Jesus' highest goal. Which point are you going through, or which point resonates with you more? On the flip side, which point do you struggle with most?
- 5) What does this second sign (miracle) signify about who Jesus is and what He ultimately came to accomplish?

**CHALLENGE:** Share what physical thing you are willing to give up to attain something more spiritual during Lent (ex: caffeine, social media, sweets ... for the sake of reading more Scripture, praying more, journaling, etc)  
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