

Signs of Life

February 27 Discussion Questions

1 LIFE engagement question:

ONE aim: To see God at work in the relationships He has placed around us and join Him in His work. Praying for others in this and sharing stories builds our faith and gives us courage. Be patient and extend grace to one another as each one of you devotes yourselves to following Jesus' lead in your relationships. Everyone does not need to share each time you meet. Let God lead and do the work.

How have you been blessing and investing in your ONE(s) since we last met?

Readings:

- Jesus heals the official's son John 4:43-54
- Jesus heals the paralytic John 5:1-9

1. The royal official walked from Capernaum to Cana to find Jesus and begged him to heal his son. That's roughly 20 to 25 miles and about a day's walk. Possibly two if you didn't want to walk at night. Share about a time when you felt like you "went a long way" or perhaps waited a long time to hear from God.

2. Since we have a direct line to talk with God, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, our way of reaching Jesus looks a little different. What is something you would sacrifice or give up to hear from Jesus?

3. After a day's worth of walking, the royal official turned around and returned home. Without Jesus physically but with only his word alone. He had faith that Jesus could heal in person but now his faith in Jesus has changed. It became stretched and tested. Have you ever felt like God was telling you to go and do something? How did he provide? How did he lead the way?

4. The whole household believed in Jesus without him being present. They had the testimony of the official and the words of Jesus. We live in a the time of the resurrected Jesus. Our faith is like this royal official. We go to Jesus asking and at times begging for answers. When he does answer it's from "a far". Do you find it hard to recognize Jesus; his voice, where he's moving, or how he's leading?

5. The royal official probably rarely faced situations where he was out of control. When something threatens your sense of control or security, what reaction shows up first: managing, withdrawing, performing, blaming, or numbing? Why

that one?

6. We often decide who is “likely” to experience God based on urgency, effort, morality, or closeness to Him. Where did you learn those expectations — and how have they shaped the way you approach Him?

7. Waiting doesn’t just test patience — it rewrites interpretation. How can long unmet need reshape a person’s view of God without them realizing it? What have you stopped asking God for?

8. The paralytic explains his situation instead of expressing hope. What does it reveal about faith when explanation replaces expectation? Why does that shift happen?

9. If Jesus’ reach is not limited by distance, time, effort, worthiness, or awareness — what belief about God or yourself would you personally have to give up for that to be true?