



**Life Group Discussion Guide**  
**The Gospel of John**  
**“Growing in Faith” – John 4:43-54**  
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Main thought:

There are different ways you can approach Jesus, but the mark of a true follower of Jesus is that you have a growing faith.

Outline

1. A **welcome** isn't the same as **credible** faith. (vv. 43-45)
2. God **works** in our troubles to develop **crisis** faith. (vv. 46-47)
3. **Walking** by sight leads to **counterfeit** faith. (v. 48)
4. Trusting God's **Word** leads to **confident** faith. (vv. 49-52)
- 5 Our maturing faith achieves God's **will**; **contagious** faith. (v. 53)

Ice-Breaker

- Who is someone you know who has a contagious faith?

Digging In

Read John 4:43-45 and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you in these verses?
- Why did Jesus say that a prophet has no honor in his own country and yet when He arrived in Galilee the people welcomed Him?
- The principle shared from these verses is that a welcome isn't the same as credible faith. How is this an important caution for us to hear?

Read John 4:46-47 and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you in these verses?
- The principle shared from these verses is that God works in our troubles to develop crisis faith. How have you seen or experienced this in your life?

Read John 4:48 and discuss the following questions.

- The principle shared from this verse is that walking by sight leads to counterfeit faith. What does this mean? How can this happen?

Read John 4:49-52 and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from these verses?
- The principle shared from these verses is that trusting God's Word leads to a confident faith. How does this man demonstrate that? How have you experienced this?



Read John 4:53 and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this verse?
- The principle shared from these verses is that our maturing faith achieves God's will-contagious faith. How do you see that in this story? How have you seen or experienced this in your life?

Application

- Which truths from this passage will you apply this week?

Praying as a group

- How can we be praying for each other this week?