

## The Gospel of John: A Dad, a Sick Child, and Jesus' Word

Pastor Joe McConkey Text: John 4:43-54

Is faith in Jesus for everyone? A recap.

No honor but Jesus came AGAIN anyway

John 4:43-46a [ESV]

John 1:9-11; John 15:18-25 Jesus was rejected, hated, and murdered!

Jesus keeps coming to us even when we're not having it.

We go to Jesus when we need Him.

John 4:46b-47

Jesus highlights a problem with belief based solely on signs and wonders.

John 4:48

Psalms 78:34-43 the purpose and limits of signs and wonders

This dad displays the kind of faith Jesus is looking for.

John 4:49-53

50 "The man believed the word that Jesus spoke and went on his way."

John 2:5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

John 15:7 Jesus' word is the basis and fuel for a powerful faith.

Does your faith merely welcome Jesus or does it honor Jesus?

The greatest words a parent ever heard, "Go, your son will live."

### Memory Verse:

John 4:50 Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.

### Food for Thought for the week of June 17, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. Am I okay with Jesus for who He is and what He's done, even if I never get the sign or wonder I long for in this life? Explain why or why not.
2. Why was Jesus okay with continuing to visit communities where He was not honored? How are you in situations when you are not given the honor or respect you deserve?
3. Why is it that it usually takes a tragedy to get our attention and for us to begin seeking and trusting God? Talk about your own painful or tragic experience that pushed you toward God.
4. What are the limits of a faith that is based on signs and wonders? What is the difference between belief built on the Word of God and a faith built on signs and wonders?
5. Is verse 53 descriptive or prescriptive? Why is it important as a Bible student to know this?
6. Talk about faith in light of this week's passage and John 20:29-31.  
<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."  
<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
7. Do you welcome Jesus, or do you worship Jesus? Talk about the difference.
8. What do you know you need to do to adjust or grow in your faith as a result of this time in the Word? Tell your group.