

SERMON QUESTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

Read John 20:30-31. Today we looked at the second miraculous sign in the book of John.

- Has God ever given you a sign in your faith journey that caused you to believe more deeply in Him?
- Share a time you remember when the space between your desperate need and God's provision grew your faith.

INTO THE BIBLE

Read John 4:46-54

- Who are the characters in this story? What do you notice about the setting and context?
- What do you observe about the official?
- Chris mentioned that this man is a high ranking official and would have had more control and power than most. In our culture that values self-sufficiency, how might placing our faith in Jesus be more difficult? What are reasons that people have difficulty turning to God?
- What is your reaction to Jesus' rebuke in verse 48? Why do you think Jesus might have said that? Has there ever been a time in your faith journey when you wanted what Jesus could do for you more than you wanted to know him?
- This miracle is beyond imaginable. By just the spoken words of Jesus: "Go; your son will live" a child is healed 24 miles away. What do we learn about Jesus in this encounter?
- One of Chris' points was, "Desperation creates space for our faith to grow." What are some obstacles to our faith growing in that space?

APPLICATION

- What are you desperate for in your life today? What would motivate your 24-mile journey?
- What is the biggest lesson you have learned from turning to God in a period of trial and adversity?



- Can you trust God even when the answer is not what you hoped for? The official received his miracle, but that isn't always God's plan. How do you respond by faith when there is no miracle?