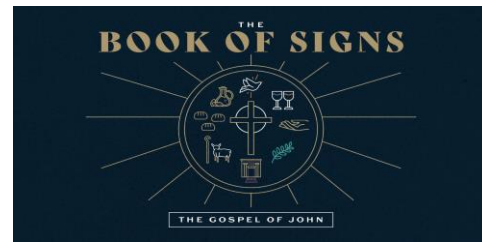


Groups Sermon Based Questions

John: The Book of Signs

February 22/23, 2024



Watch	Introduction
<p data-bbox="386 359 613 386">Your Son Will Live</p> <p data-bbox="253 432 748 499">The sermon is up on the spac.ca website Monday of each week.</p>	<p data-bbox="824 359 1382 562">Jesus has the power to overcome distance – physically, spiritually and relationally. Here, we see a royal official in desperate faith, seek out Jesus for a miracle. Jesus would provide an answer, but not in the way the official would expect.</p>
Engage	
<p data-bbox="618 623 1003 653">Optional Icebreaker Question</p>	
<p data-bbox="302 659 1390 726">1. Have you ever had to take a big leap of faith – trusting in something before seeing the outcome? What happened?</p>	
<p data-bbox="773 772 849 802">Study</p>	
<p data-bbox="204 808 1398 1052">Context: After His work in Samaria, Jesus returns to Galilee, in Cana, where he is met by a royal official. This royal official was likely a high-ranking servant of Herod, the tetrarch of Galilee. This official would have been a man who had wealth, power, influence, and resources; and yet, he found himself feeling helpless in the face of his son’s critical sickness. In desperation, the royal official journeys from Capernaum to Cana (25-30km) seeking out Jesus, to come and heal his boy. Through trust and genuine faith in Jesus’ Words, life was not only given to the official’s son, but also Salvation unto the whole household.</p>	
<p data-bbox="204 1098 464 1127">Read John 4:43-54</p>	
<ol data-bbox="253 1134 1398 1869" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="253 1134 1333 1201">1. What initial thoughts, encouragement, challenge or questions do you have about this Passage? Why?<li data-bbox="253 1241 1365 1341">2. In what ways can you relate to the royal official’s journey? From seeking out Jesus to his conversation with Him, and the blind trust of obedience into uncertainty? What was difficult or faith building about your own journey? How did Jesus surprise you?<li data-bbox="253 1381 1398 1449">3. How does suffering and challenges in your life bring you or others closer to Jesus? How has this grown or shaped your relationship and trust in Jesus?<li data-bbox="253 1488 1398 1627">4. The Galileans welcomed Jesus only because of His miracles, and not because of who He was. What difference do you notice in your own walk with Jesus when your faith and relationship with Him is based on <i>being with Him</i> VS. what He can provide for you? (For example: <i>Our faith is lively when we only desire something from Him</i> VS. <i>being with Him</i>)<li data-bbox="253 1667 1390 1768">5. Hindsight is 50/50. Are there moments in your life where God has answered prayer or was doing a work in your life when you didn’t realize at that time? Was it through others? And how did it shape your faith today?<li data-bbox="253 1808 1398 1875">6. What Words of Jesus or Scripture has continued to provide you strength and hope? Why is His Word alone enough of an answer for us during times of suffering and joy?	

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Challenge:

7. Like the servants of the royal official... **Is there someone you can think of that you can be a witness to, specifically, reminding or encouraging them of how you see God at work in or around them? Send them a text, a call or an encouraging note today/this week.**

OR

Maybe you've heard something someone had shared in your group discussion, and you noticed or are curious about what you see God is doing in their life! Encourage each other.

Reflection and Prayer

The official had to take a step of trusting obedience, by walking a long journey back home in faith, before seeing or hearing the result of Jesus' transformative work.

1. **Where do you think Jesus is inviting you to take a step of obedience this week, even if you don't see an outcome?**

Prayer and Care

Take note of a prayer request for each member in your group.

You can request prayer any time at spac.ca/prayerrequest

We have a Care Ministry and pastoral team at Sherwood Park Alliance to walk alongside people through life's challenges. Should anyone in your group experience a significant illness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, etc. and they've given you permission to share, please contact the church office 780-467-8404.

Pastor on call (after hours): 780-467-8404 and follow prompts.