

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Seeing is Believing...or Is It?

John 4:46-54

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When you think of the miracles of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament gospels, which one do you think of?

Read John 4:46-54. What speaks to you in these verses? Why?

Jesus heals people *discriminately*, rather than *indiscriminately*. Why?

Key Truths:

Crises prompt action

Share a story about time when God met you in a crisis. What have you learned about God from that experience? About yourself?

There are certain things God can *only* do in a crisis. Agree or disagree?

God will *engage* your need

Why, in verse 48, does Jesus say, “you will never believe”?

What are some ways in our world today that people focus on the “sign” rather than on the “belief” in Jesus?

Discuss the statement that “this miracle is the center of this story, but is not the centerpiece of the story.”

Belief comes from *faith*, not *sight*

Imagine that the man had not taken Jesus at his word. What do you think might of happened?

What is one situation in your life where you simply need to have more faith? Practically speaking, how do you do that?

Bottom Line: *Seeing is not believing, but believing is believing* (Hebrews 11:1)

In verse 50, it says, “the man took Jesus at his word.” Where in your life do you need to take Jesus at his word?

What else do you need to apply from this sermon?