

AT HIS WORD

As preached on Sunday, October 19th

Read: John 4:43-54

1. Have you ever experienced a miracle? How do you think signs, wonders, and miracles fit into our day-to-day following of Jesus?
2. In vv.46-50 Jesus interacts with a royal official. What is it that the official wants? Do you think his willingness to seek Jesus out with this request shows he has faith in Jesus? (explain)
3. In v.48 Jesus says, “Unless you people see signs and wonders you will never believe.” What does this mean? What signs and wonders is Jesus referring to? Who does he mean by “you people”?
4. When the official asks a second time, Jesus replies “Go, your son will live.” What changed? Why did Jesus grant the request the second time it was made?
5. In v.50 we’re told that the official “took Jesus at his word and departed.” What does this show us about this man’s faith in Jesus? Is there an area in your life where you sense Jesus asking you to take him at his word? (explain)
6. The official wanted Jesus to come with him to Capernaum, but Jesus chose to heal the boy from a distance. Are there times when God wants to answer our prayers in a very different way than we’d like them answered? What can we learn from this?
7. In v.44 we’re told that “Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.” In what way(s) were the Galileans dishonoring Jesus? In what ways have we done the same? How can we be sure that our belief in Jesus rests in who he is and not just in what we hope he will do in our life?