

More Than a Miracle – Week 3 Small Group Questions

Ice Breaker

1. What would you do if you had the power to make anything happen? Name three things you would create, change, stop, etc.

Scripture

John 4:46-50, As he traveled through Galilee, he came to Cana, where he had turned the water into wine. There was a government official in nearby Capernaum whose son was very sick. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son, who was about to die. Jesus asked, “Will you never believe in me unless you see miraculous signs and wonders?” The official pleaded, “Lord, please come now before my little boy dies.” Then Jesus told him, “Go back home. Your son will live!” And the man believed what Jesus said and started home.

Leader’s Note: Trips like this would have taken place on foot. This particular trip would have been a 20-mile walk or 40 miles round trip. It was not a convenient trip for the government official, but it showed his determination.

Discuss

1. Pastor Jeff mentioned that the Roman government official not only had to deal with the inconvenience of travel to get to Jesus but that he may have also been risking his reputation, relationships, and resources to meet with Jesus. And even when he met with Jesus, he had no idea if Jesus would reject his request.
Have you ever felt as desperate as this man to receive Jesus’ help?
2. Has your faith in Jesus cost you reputation, relationships, and resources? How? How have you handled it when your faith has put you in an uncomfortable and inconvenient circumstance?
3. Pastor Jeff said, “Some of us aren’t experiencing the power of God in our lives because we believe in Jesus, but we don’t believe Him, and there is a

difference.” **What do you believe is the difference between believing in Jesus and believing Him?**

4. Does believing in Jesus mean that He will give us anything we ask for? Can you think of a time when you asked for something, and God answered your prayer in a way you never imagined? Do you look back on that time and see how God's way was better?

“You cannot control your circumstances, but you can live with a holy confidence in Christ. The same God who turned water into wine can turn your pain into someone else’s gain, your hurt into someone else’s healing, your worst day in your best day.” Mark Batterson

Practice

1. What is one thing that you can take away from this message?
2. Sometime this week, go outside for a walk. Take time during your walk to pray out loud where you desire to see God move in your life. Don't hesitate to ask Him for things in His name that may seem impossible. Submit those requests to Him and then wait patiently and expectantly for God to answer in the way He knows is best. On your phone or in a journal, write down the dates and requests you made. When God answers, record how He responded and give Him praise. When we start to record our prayers and how God answered them, it will provide us with faith and hope in the future when we start to feel doubt creep back in.