



**Session 2** Healing the Official's Son  
week starting March 8, 2020

Are you familiar with the phrase, I'll believe it when I see it? For the second sign in the book of John, Jesus returns to Galilee, where the first sign took place and where Jesus lived. The people in Galilee heard about the amazing things Jesus did in Jerusalem but wanted to see for themselves. Jesus challenges their desires and ours by asking, do we want to believe or do we simply want to see a show? What stands in the way of our belief?

### GETTING STARTED

When you go "back home" what is the one thing you have to eat, the one place you have to go, or the one person you have to see?

### DISCUSSION

- Read John 4:43–54. What motivates the people to welcome Jesus in Cana of Galilee? What could be a modern comparison to this kind of welcome? How can people today be guilty of following Jesus for the wrong reasons?
- Discuss the similarities and differences between the "signs and wonders" the people came to see and the healing of the official's son.
- In verse 50 the man takes Jesus at his word. What enables him to trust Jesus? What results from his trust?
- Is it easy or difficult for you to bring your concerns to Jesus? When do you bring problems to Him and when do you hold back? When you bring something to the Lord, do you let go of it or do you continue to fret?
- Has there been a time you've asked God to help you with a difficult situation, trusted Him, and He's shown up in a big way?
- The official had to wait to find out if his son was healed. What do you think he was thinking? What do you find most difficult about waiting? Share with your group what helps you trust Jesus while waiting?
- Do you find it difficult to believe in Jesus's signs and healings without seeing them yourself? How does the example of the official encourage you?
- What does the healing of the official's son teach us about Jesus?
- Read Matthew 8:5–13 where Matthew records another healing. What else do we learn about Jesus from this story?

### LIVE IT OUT!

Read Psalm 46. Write down ways to live out the phrase, "Be still and know that I am God" (v.10). Commit to putting at least one into practice this week.

### PRAY

Ask each person to reflect on a time God answered a specific prayer of theirs. Encourage each to contribute to the group prayer, popcorn style. The leader can guide the prayer, giving people time to complete the sentence:

Lord, thank you for answering my prayer when/by \_\_\_\_\_.