

Trinity Church, Sarnia
Lenten Bible Study – 2021

7 Signs of God's Love

With Canon Vicars Hodge

Week #2. John 4:46-54 The Healing of the Royal Official's Son

Questions¹:

Open:

1. When you were a child what was the most serious illness you ever had?

Dig

1. Now that Jesus is back home in Galilee, what motivates the people to welcome him?
2. What motivates the Royal Official to travel so far? How would you have responded to what Jesus told him to do? What was the result?
3. What does this miraculous “sign” point to about Jesus? How does this add to what was demonstrated by his 1st Sign (the Wedding at Cana)?
4. What claim does Jesus make about himself in v. 24? What happens to those who hear and believe?

Reflect

1. When have you taken God at his word (even though the circumstances were seemingly impossible), and discovered that he did exactly what he promised?
2. If you had to explain v.24 into your own words, how would you put it? In your own spiritual journey, when did you come to understand this truth?

¹ With gratitude to the Serendipity Bible for some of these questions.

Group Norms to enhance our experience

- **Try to make attendance a priority..**
- **Try to stay “on topic.”** Stick to the passage being studied. Seek to find the answers in the text.
- **Everyone participates and no one dominates.** We are sometimes so eager to share what we have learned that we don't leave room for others. By all means participate – but leave space for others.
- **Be sensitive to the other members of the Group.** We respect each other and can all learn from each other. There are no ‘dumb’ questions.
- **Support for one another is part of our life** as followers of Jesus.
- **Confidentiality matters:** When someone shares something of private nature, that stays in the group. We tell our own stores, if we want – not other people's.

Suggestions for getting the most out of a LIFE² Group

Everyone

- Try to read the passage we will study in advance of our meeting.
- Bring an attitude of expectancy – God wants to open his Word for you and me.... Come expecting to receive some good word.
- Stay in touch with each other during the week, where appropriate.

People who want more....

- Pre-read the questions and think about them a bit.
- Read the Gospel of John in the next week or two. Recommended translations: (ESV, NRSV, NASB, NIV, TPT)
- Each week, after the study, re-read the passage & questions– to reinforce what you have learned.

The Keeners – looking for an A+

- Read John through in a second, different translation like “The Message” (MSG), New Living Translation (NLT), JB Phillips or “The Good News”
- Make a list of questions you would like answered and send them to trinity@trinitysarnia.org

² LIFE: Learning, Insight, Friends, Encouragement: these are our four objectives.