

Sight Unseen – Seeing is Believing. Or, is it?

Weekend Discussion Questions

March 2-3, 2013

Community:

1. When you were a child, what were some of the ways you got injured by just playing around?
2. What was the most serious illness or injury you ever had as a child?

Core:

1. In today's story, Jesus goes back to the town of Cana—what sign do you remember Jesus performing previously in Cana?
2. If Jesus' signs were demonstrations of "this is what I am like", what did his previous sign in Cana show about what He's like?
3. Read John 4:45. What do you think the people saw Jesus do in Jerusalem that made them welcome him?
4. Now read verses 46-47. This guy walks 20 miles away from his sick boy to see if a carpenter can heal his son—what do you think he's thinking as he's making the journey to Jesus?
5. Can you tell everyone about a time you went to God -- out of options -- in desperation for help?
6. We're going to come back to verse 48 later. Read the exchange between Jesus and this official in verses 49-50. Why do you think the man "took Jesus at his word and departed"?
7. If you were in this man's shoes and Jesus told you to go home and your son would be healed, what would you have done?
8. What do you think he's thinking as he's making the journey home?
9. Sometimes we can bring problems or issues to God, ask Him to help with them, but then we're worried and concerned about the issue. What are a couple reasons why we do this?
10. How would we deal with issues differently if we had full faith that God was in complete control?
11. Read verses 51-54. What does this miraculous sign tell us about what Jesus is like?

Challenge:

1. Read John 4:48. Jesus addressed how the people's faith was dependent on them seeing Jesus do unbelievable things. When have there been times in your life where your faith hinged on Jesus doing specifically what you asked him to do?
2. Jim summarized Jesus' intention with this by saying: *While circumstances and events can "launch" our faith, they cannot be the foundation of our faith.* How do you see this to be true? What's the next step for you making Jesus' sacrifice on the cross your foundation for faith?



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