

Living Connections Bible Study



Steps to Faith

Prayer

Text: John 4:46-53

Icebreaker: Was there any adversity, trials, sickness, relationship problems, economic worries, etc. that crowded you to Christ and eventually led you to personal faith in the Savior?

1. Why would it be unusual for a *nobleman* to come to God and the Savior for help? Verses 46-47; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; James 2:5-7; Matthew 19:23-24

2. What adversity came into the nobleman's life that caused him to go to Jesus? Verse 46

3. How does God use adversity and trial to bring people to Himself?
Ps. 107:17-22; 119:67, 71

4. How might this nobleman have learned that Jesus had the power to heal his son?
Verses 45, 47; Psalm 107:2-8

5. What misconception did the nobleman have regarding Jesus' power when he pleaded with Jesus, *Come down to Capernaum and heal my son before he dies*? Verses 49

6. Did the nobleman make any claim to merit, as if he deserved Jesus' assistance in healing his boy? Did he say, *The boy is of noble birth... He is a beautiful child... He is so deserving... I am an important citizen... I am a man of authority and rank... therefore you must come and heal my son*? Verses 47 & 49; Psalm 25:11; Jeremiah 17:9; Isaiah 64:6

7. What is the danger and attraction for those who attend *so called healing/miracle* meetings? Verse 48; Matthew 7:15-23; 12:38-40

8. How do we know the nobleman took Jesus at His word that his son had been healed? Verses 50-53

9. What impact did Jesus make on this man and his household? Verse 53

10. What three households, families and servants, found in the Bible came to personal faith in Christ. Acts 10:1-2, 44-48; 16:14-15, 27-34

Think about it this week:

What can you and other believing family members do to share and demonstrate the genuineness of your faith with the rest of your family who still need to be saved?

The sinner must plead for God's grace and mercy, because these are the only attributes of God we can claim. We can't ask God to save us based on our righteousness or holiness. We have no such thing. Isaiah confessed:

*We are all like an unclean thing,
and all our righteousnesses [good deeds] are like filthy rags [before God].*

Isaiah 64:6