



Love for miracles, or love for God? (John 4:43-54)

Gospel Community Questions:

1. After reading John 4:43-54, share what one thought stands out as the most important, encouraging, challenging, puzzling or convicting for you. Why?
2. Jesus admonishes the people for wanting to see a miracle, Why?
3. Why would Jesus give them a miracle, even when they wanted it for the wrong reason?
4. Do we love Jesus? Or do we love what he does for us more than we love him?

Upcoming Events:

- Prayer gathering every Sunday at 9:00 am in the Legends Centre.
- New Gospel Community Groups have started, if you would like to join one, please speak with Mark or Clay.
- Stay up to date with events at www.gracesask.com

Needs:

- If you have a desire and willingness to serve in any area (Grace kids, sound, music, video, greeting), start by filling out our online form here: <http://gracesask.com/serve/>

Get connected:

- Consider partnering with us in this Gospel mission – info packages at welcome table
- Find a Gospel community gathering: Info booklets on the welcome table
- Get on “The City” (our social network). Send your email request to info@gracesask.com or ask your Gospel Community leader to add you.

Got Questions? Text 306.270.9677 during the message or email warman@gracesask.com afterwards

Jesus Goes Home

- Jesus leaves the Samaritan town in which he had done a miraculous work of salvation, and heads to his home region of Galilee. v43,46.
- Jesus receives a welcome, albeit not necessarily a warm one. v44,45
- A man wants his son healed, but Jesus admonishes the people for wanting a miracle. He wants those people to believe in him because of who he is, not because he can make their lives better by doing miracles. v47,48

The Miracle

- The people were hungry for a miracle, but the man whose son was dying was only wanting his son to be healed, he did not care how. v47,49
- Jesus speaks and the boy starts to get better. v50

Three Types of People

- The crowd, who only wanted a miracle for their own selfish reasons. A good feeling, a cool thing to see, and they would be able to claim to be from where Jesus was from. They would feel important because of their association with Jesus. There are some today who are the same, and also view Jesus as the key to their earthly blessing and happiness. v48
- The boy's father, who believed the words of Jesus even though he did not see a miracle, and only hear about it the next day. There are some today, who also hear God's word and believe, and they experience the miracle of new eternal life! v50-53
- The boy's family, who experienced the miracle, but did not see Jesus face to face. There are those today who also experience something radical in their life and they know it is Jesus, and they are transformed by what Jesus has already done, even though they have not ever met him face to face. v50

A dying boy healed with a word, over distance, at once. Such is the power of Jesus.
Grace and power. Mercy and might.
-John Piper

Next Sunday, Feb 12 2017- John 5:1-18