

### **Small Group Questions**

"Need" is all around us. *Have you noticed that there is a lot of need out there?* I'm sure that you are aware personally of the great needs that are in "your" world and today you may even be facing a great need yourself. Spend some time sharing and talking about some of that need!

*46 Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. 47 When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.*

#### **1. We need to GO TO JESUS**

*Where do you go when you have need or you hear about a need?* Many of us unfortunately go everywhere and to everyone other than Jesus. We will talk to our friends. We will turn to and read self-help books and Jesus is often at the bottom of the list. Sometimes we have more trust in self-help than God's help and often we go to Jesus as a last ditch option. What can we learn from the Royal Official's approach?

##### **1a. Approaching Jesus requires HUMILITY**

How did the Royal Official show humility?

##### **1b. Approaching Jesus requires EFFORT**

What effort did he show?

*When you face a need or a crisis (big or small) where or who do you FIRST turn too? Does your pride stop you from taking your needs to Jesus! Are you prepared to do whatever it takes?*

#### **2. We need to OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES**

What are the obstacles?

*48 "Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."*

*49 The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."*

*Does moving forward in your faith require Jesus to perform a sign or a wonder? Do you doubt that Christ's power and love extends beyond the physical? Are these obstacles in the way of YOU approaching Jesus with your need?*

#### **3. We need to OBEDIENTLY TAKE CHRIST AT HIS WORD**

*50 "Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live."*

*The man took Jesus at his word and departed.*

Why is this so hard for us to do sometimes

*51 While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. 52 When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him."*

*53 Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed.*

*54 This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee. (AWESOME STORY, what a miracle!)*

**SO WHAT? What does this story reveal about Jesus?**

**1. Jesus has the power to HEAL both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. I believe this story also reveals that Jesus is a God of \_\_\_\_\_**

What is your personal response to this passage?

Spend some time praying into the needs of your group.