



## John 4.43–54 – Learning to Trust Jesus

### Small Group Questions

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see. Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

1. Is it good to be a 'trusting person'? What are the dangers of being too trusting ...and of being too slow to trust?
2. How do we grow in trust for a person? What opportunities does there need to be and what needs to happen in those opportunities?
3. Carry that thinking over to the Christian's relationship with Jesus. How will we grow in our trust of Jesus?
4. The man in this account chose to come to Jesus for help. How quick or slow are you to do that? Why do you think that is?

If this man hadn't come to Jesus, presumably his son would have died and we have no reason to think he and his household would ever have believed in Jesus. Every time we come to Jesus, in prayer, asking for help, we are creating another opportunity for him to help us and for our trust in him to grow.

5. Jesus answered the man's request by saying "Go". It must have sounded an awful lot like "No". What are the different ways we can respond to unanswered prayer? How have you seen yourself or others respond in the past?
6. The man "took Jesus at his word and departed". How do you imagine the man will have felt at that point and as he walked home? How does that help us think about what our experience will be when we likewise 'take Jesus at his word'?
7. Jesus made a specific promise to this man that he hasn't made to us. But he has made many, many promises to us in the Bible! How often do you notice, recall and hold onto the promises God has made to you?
8. Discuss the various challenges and burdens you are currently facing (or could face or one day likely will). What promises do we have in the Bible that might help us in each of those situations? How, practically, might we hold on to such promises?

**Respond to God's word in prayer**

**Share any answers to prayer you've seen since you last met**

**Take some time to pray for each other**

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*Our desire for small groups is that they would help us be a "people who are in the process of having their lives turned inside out and upside down by the progressive work of transforming grace."*

*(Taken from 'Lead' by Paul Tripp, p42)*